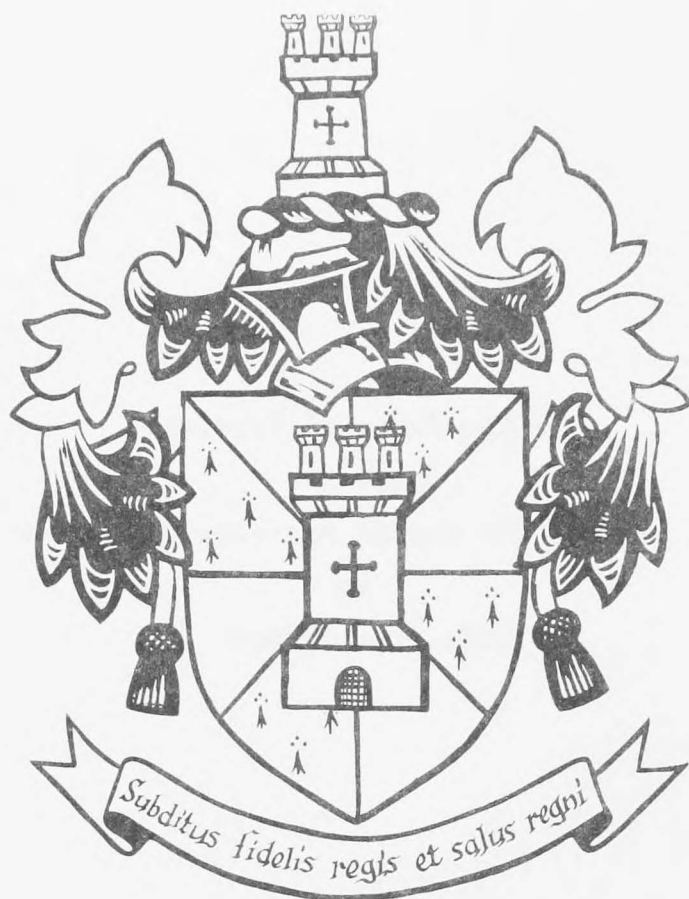


*Fifty Years of Research  
Concerning  
Some of The Hopper Families in America  
By  
Otha Jess Hopper*



Hopper

MOTTO: IN PERFECT SUBMISSION TO THE KING, &  
TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE KINGDOM!  
CLOSEST TRANSLATION:



Hopper

## Blazon of Arms

These arms have been painted by a Heraldic artist in Europe. The Heraldic description is as follows:

HOPPLER

Devon, England

- ARMS: Gyronny of eight or and ermine over all a tower triple-towered argent masoned or.
- CREST: A tower as in the arms.
- MOTTO: Subditus fidelis regis et salus regni.  
A faithful subject is a preserver of monarchy.





### *Hopper Families of England*

*At an early date the Hopper families of England were located in Durham, Devonshire and Kent.*

*The shields carried by the members of these families were the same as to simple divisions of the field or "ordinaries", described as Gyronny of Eight.*

*The Heraldic colors and tinctures differed as to valor and recorded achievement of the different branches of the family.*

*As an example:*

*The Arms for Hopper, County of Durham is described as Gyronny of Eight, Sable and Ermine over all a tower, triple towered Argent, masoned of the first.*

*The Arms for Hopper, Devonshire is described as Gyronny of Eight, Or. and Ermine. Over all a tower, triple towered Argent -----*

*In another instance the Arms are described as Gyronny of Eight Azure and Ermine. Over all a tower, triple towered Argent, masoned of the first.*

*The tinctures in healdry signify the following:*

*Or. (Gold) honor; Argent (Silver) purity and chastity; Azure (blue) loyalty; Sable (black) serenity; Ermine royalty and the tower protection and strength.*

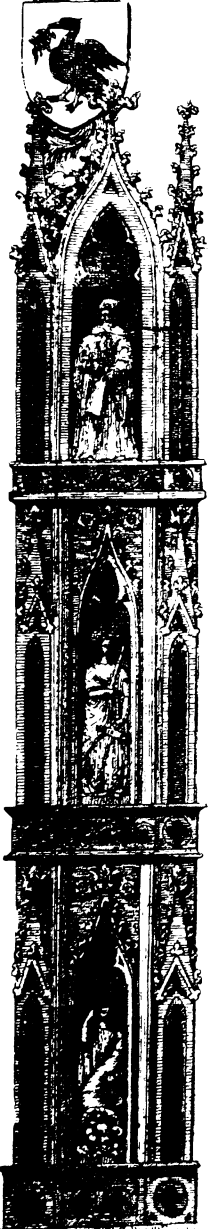
## An Historic Outline

Your name took its initial formation between the 11th and 13th centuries and was first recorded as a descriptive identification to distinguish one person from another. By 1490 it had become a recognized surname and was passed on to others in the family. Changing through the centuries it has mutated to its present form.

At the time when your name evolved the Crusades began in the year 1095 under the direction of Pope Urban II, the need for identifying symbols arose and these took the form of coats-of-arms. Herald's recorded these armorial bearings and it is from these records that we have confirmed the coat of arms for your family name. The tinctures and charges represented on the coat-of-arms offer a link with the honors of the past to the present bearer of the name. Ancient warriors and statesmen of the same name, if not of the same family lineage, were responsible for the emergence of civilization and society from the era which we now call the 'dark ages' to the new dawn of the twentieth century.

It is unlikely that you will find a coat-of-arms exactly the same as your own because in the middle ages when Heraldry was a functional science records of arms grants existed in great numbers and were under the control of the Herald's. The shape of the shield on which your coat-of-arms has been drawn dates back to the 13th century. Its function then was to ward off arrows shot from the cross-bow, blows from maces and protection from battle-axes and swords.

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DESCENDANTS

of

Gilliam Hopper

1776-1848

Who is thought to have immigrated from England  
or Ireland in the early Seventeenth Century.

Family Group Sheets, Stories  
and Notes

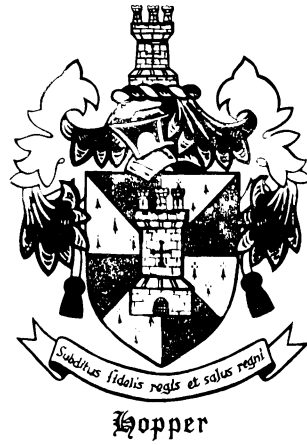
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## Introduction

This is a book containing stories and other information concerning for the most part one branch of the Hopper family in America.

For the past thirty years or more I have been interested in learning the names etc. of the parents of one Gilliam Hopper (1776-1848) my Great, Great Grandfather.

The book consists of information collected in this search. To date, however, the facts I seek are locked up somewhere in the records of the past.

Many friends and relatives have been helpful in sharing information with me, but the mystery remains.

Otha Jess Hopper



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THE NAME AND

FAMILY OF

HOPPER

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## THE NAME AND FAMILY OF HOPPER

The name of Hopper is said by some authorities to have been derived from the occupation of its first bearer as a "hopper" or dancer at fairs and festivals in ancient England. Others claim, however, that the name was derived from the Dutch proper name of Hoppe, one branch of the Dutch family going into England at an early date. At any rate, the name is found on the ancient records in the various forms of Hoppe, Hoppers, Hoppen (?), Hoppare, Hopper, Hopar, Hopere, Hoper, and Hopper, of which the last form mentioned is that most generally accepted in America today.

Families of this name were to be found at early dates in the English counties of Durham, Devon, Oxford, Middlesex, Essex, Berk, Cambridge, Somerset, Suffolk, Kent, York and London, as well as in various parts of Scotland, and were, for the most part, of the landed gentry and yeomanry of Great Britain.

Among the earliest records of the name in England were those of Ralph de Hopere of the early thirteenth century, Alexander le Hopere of Devonshire in 1273, Richard le Hopper of Oxfordshire in 1273, Gerard le Hopper of County Suffolk about the same time Reginald le Hopper of Cambridgeshire at a slightly later date, Andrew le Hopere of 1315, John le Hoper of Somersetshire about 1327, Elena Hopper of Yorkshire in 1379,



and Walter Hoper of Oxfordshire at a later date.

One of the most ancient lines of the family in England was that represented in the early sixteenth century by Jenkin Hopper of County Durham, who was probably the father of John, who was the father by his wife Alice of, among others, a son named Anthoney, who had Thomas, who is said to have had six sons, of whom the eldest was John, who was the father of John and Anthony, of whom the latter was married in 1691 to Frances Coulson, by whom he was the father of at least one son named Thomas, who married Mary Burletson in 1723 and, after her death without issue, was married in 1729 to the widow Elizabeth Paxton, by whom he had issue of Thomasine, John, Thomas, Christopher, George, Hendry and Anthony.

In the latter sixteenth century one Tristram Hoper is said to have been living in Devonshire and to have had issue by his first wife Agnes of a son named Richard, as well as by his second wife Elizabeth Bustard of another son named James.

In the early eighteenth century record was to be found in County Essex of one William Hopper, who married Frances Pettit and was the father of James, Sarah, Frances, Mary and William, of whom the last resided in County Kent.

It is not definitely known from which of the many illustrious lines of the family in Europe the first emigrants of the name to America were descended, but it is generally believed that all of the Hoppers were of ancient origin and,

in many cases, of common ancestry, at a remote period.

Probably the first of the family in America was Andries Hoppe or Hoppen, who is said to have come from Holland in 1652 and settled in New Amsterdam, now New York. By his wife, Geertje Hendricks, he was the father of, among others, a son named Mathew Adolphus Hopper, who married Anna Paulus and was the father of, among others, a son named John.

Sometime before 1654 one Daniel Hopper is said to have come from England to New Haven, Connecticut, but, unfortunately, no definite records have been found concerning his immediate family or descendants.

One John Hopper of County Durham, England, is said to have emigrated to America in the latter seventeenth or early eighteenth century and settled first on Long Island, N. Y., whence he later removed to New Jersey. He was the father of at least one son, also named John, who married Anne Garwood about 1737 and was the father by her of Zephania, Levi, and probably of others as well.

About the middle of the eighteenth century one Abram Hopper, possibly a descendant of the before mentioned New Jersey line, made his home at Washington, N. J., and was the father of a son named Jacob, who was the father of a son named Abram, who had six sons, Abram, Garret, Isaac, John, James and Jacob.

Another family of the name is said to have been settled in Maryland before 1776, at which time record was to be found of John Hopper, his wife Sarah, and three children, whose names are not given.

The descendants of these and probably of other branches of the family in America have spread to practically every state of the Union and have aided in the founding of the nation. They have been noted for their energy, industry, integrity, piety, perseverance, fortitude, patience, resourcefulness, initiative, courage and loyalty.

Among those of the Hoppers who fought in the War of the Revolution were Ensign John of New Jersey, Captain William of Virginia, and Captain Jonathan of New Jersey, and numerous others.

Richard, John Thomas, Anthony, Henry, Samuel, Nathaniel, James, Abram, Jacob, and William are some of the Christian names most highly favored by the family for its male members.

One of the many members of the family who have distinguished themselves in America in more recent times is William De Wolf Hopper, noted actor, who was born in New York, in 1858 and achieved remarkable success and renown in the Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

Possibly the most ancient and frequently recurrent of the numerous coats-of-arms of the English family of Hopper is that described as follows:

Arms.-- Gyronny of eight sable (another, or) and ermine, over  
all a tower triple-towered argent, masoned off the first.

Crest.--a tower,, as in the arms.

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as written by Francis Hopper Houghson  
Daughter of John L. Hopper (1833-1904),  
son of James Townsend Hopper (1806-1880)  
son of Gilliam Hopper (1776-1848)

First I shall reach back into my memory, and tell you the incidents in my life that excited the desire to know something about my ancestors. Away back when I was a little girl, about eight or nine years old, a dear old Aunt Nancy, (of which more further on,) was visiting at our house, and I was left at home to be company for her, when other visitors and the family went to visit my father's mother's grave; but Aunt Nancy was really the entertainer; telling me many things of her life, back in the then wilds of the Cumberland Mountains in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee. I can clearly see her now in my memory, sitting there in her chair, of which I do believe I can draw a very good picture. The chair was very old, she had brought it all the way from Virginia, and at this particular time she was also very old, and a cripple, and was carried everywhere in the chair with her Redicules swinging from the high, lathe turned back posts; one for her pipe and home-grown tobacco twists and the other for handkerchiefs and toilet knick-knacks. And I was sitting close to her side on a little stool, clinging to the arm of her chair, wide eyed with interest, and perhaps as wide-mouthed, for her stories thrilled me. She was a little, laughing old lady and it no doubt pleased her very much to have me give her a close attention, and she patted me on the head, and said: "Oh, child, when you grow up you must go back to Virginia and see the Old Family Tree."

That was the first time I had heard of such a Tree, and I was greatly filled with curiosity. Eagerly I asked her, "What kind of a tree it was, and did it grow around there?" Always deeply interested in nature, I thought maybe I had seen one---I can hear her girlish giggle yet with my question. Then she explained to me the best she could, to one as young as I; But, I understood it well enough to form a wish to go back there as she advised, "When I grew up". (Which I never did, every time I started to go places, I always went West.) Now I will leave this dear old soul as I saw her then, almost lost in that high-back old chair her head tightly capped in a white muslin cap, that was tied under her chin with narrow hand-hemmed strings, and take you back to a more detailed story of your grandfather, great grandfather, and great, great grandfather; more detail than I will give it later in the Tree. Gilliam Hopper, your great, great grandfather, lived as far back as is known, in Christian County, Kentucky. He moved to McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee, no record when. He evidently married there, but his wife's name is not known; but he raised ten children there, whose names were: Samuel, William, Absalum, Moses, James T., Mary, Elisha, Pinkney, Gillum and Ana. He moved fr om there to Virginia; no record when.

James T. Hopper, your great grandfather, grew up and was married while in Virginia. His wife's name was Drucilla Byers.

Her father and mother raised their family of ten children near McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee. Their children's names were: Joseph, John L., Martha, Nathan, Drucilla, Abner, Harrel, Jane, Assenath and Mary. James T. Hopper and wife started a family in Virginia, of fifteen children, namely: Towson, Harrell B., Rebecca, John L., Solomon C., Pinkney, Gillum, Jane B., Shalmaneser, Mary, Anma, Stephen B., Ana. by his first wife. Second wife, Samuel, George and Grant. Now there is a bit of history due here to fill in our branch of the family, and also answer some of the questions you asked.

The first authentic date we have in our family was the date of your Great Grandfather, who was born June 28, 1806; whether he was born in Virginia or Tennessee, there is no record. (You can compare dates in the copy of the "Tree", later. Up unto the time of his leaving Virginia, the Hopper family had accumulated a great deal of property; Land was cheap those days, and slaves grew like chickens. (More about the slaves later). Around about this time the brothers got into a feud over the estate. (I believe that temperamental characteristic is still living in the Hopper family, especially about estates. I believe, however, it has been that way from the beginning of Man. I remember that somebody has said that Adam was terribly upset when he lost his estate, and found himself cast out of his Eden home into the desert among the rocks and thistles. Well, the quarrel finally ended for our branch of the family. Your Great Grandfather gathered what family he had then into a traveling schooner, and drove away westward, leaving all of the estate to the other brothers. When they came to Cumberland Gap, (Cumberland Gap is located on the north line of Tennessee where points of the states of Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia meet. It is known today in history; especially in the Encyclopedia Atlas and Gazetteer of the World, by P. F. Collier and Son Publishers, New York, 1907-08-09, which I have. I will quote: "Middle-borough Cumberland Gap, in the Cumberland Mts., rich in history and natural beauty, and containing 'Hell's Half Acre', a tract of land not included in the survey of Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee, which are here contiguous." On this half acre there was a fine spring which was a common camping ground. When Grandfather arrived there, they had to stop, and your Grandfather was born there. They remained there until Grandmother was able to travel. (My father has many times laughingly alluded to the place he was born, declaring he was a man of no man's country).

Directly north of Cumberland Gap, in the second county, which is Knox County, directly on the north line, about twenty miles north of the Gap, judging by the border scale, it is a town by the name of Hopper. A question has come into my mind may it not be possible that after father's (John L.) birth, that Grandfather (James T.) stayed in this place, during the interim between 1833, when my father was born, and 1839 when



Grandfather moved on west to Adams County, Illinois. There is a space there that we have no account of, in his life. A letter to this place might pull up some roots; try it? McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee, is a short way west of the center of the state. Well, that traces our family from Great, Great Grandfather Gilliam up to our time; but we want to get back of reat, Great Grandfather Gilliam, and find who we were away back there.

This old Aunt Nancy told me, and I have a wonderful re- tentive memory for history of that kind, that there were four brothers emigrated to America before the Revolutionary War; that because of the laws of England, the older brothers inherited the estate, so these left there and came to America, (they must have had a feud too?) And that two of these brothers were killed at the Battle of the Cowpens, Jan. 17, 1781. I was a favorite daughter and that name of "Cowpens" stayed with me. And later when I went to school I learned something about the hereditary laws of England, and also about the Battle of the Cowpens, when the Americans drove the English down and penned them up in Charleston, Carolina. The Cowpens is in the extreme north of South Carolina. That battleground is not so far from the Gap. Well, I thought in my young mind that our people came from England. About this time in my thinking about these things, I was about fourteen or fifteen, and my father, who was a pedigreed-stock man, bred up a herd he wanted to sell at a sale, and it was necessary to write up all their pedigrees and catalogue them. He bought all the hard books and found it was to be a stupendous work, of which he could hardly see over in time to get his catalogue ready for the sale. So, he called me in to help him. I was always hanging on his sleeve anyway, as he and I were pals.

Well, here I learned what a pedigree really meant. Here I learned that I was writing the "Family Tree" of my father's herd of cattle, with one exception, that there was included in cattle's history to whom they belonged. And another thing I learned was that the Shorthorn Cattle were a product of fine breeding in Durham County, England, on the great estates there of the Landed Gentry. And among these estates who were breeders of Shorthorn, or Durham cattle was the name of Hopper, frequently found as the owners of the herds of several of the pedigrees I was trailing back for its ancestry and they were Baronets. And that caused me to talk to my father about what old Aunt Nancy had told me, that there were four brothers emigrated to America, because there was a law that the oldest son inherited all the estates. And, I guessed that there was nothing there for them, so they came over to America. Anyway, I told him that my dictionary only mentioned that the eldest son of noblemen inherited his father's title and estates; and Aunt Nancy said that their older brothers heired the estates;

so, they came to America. And my dictionary did not tell about the common people doing that way; as I supposed they had no estates, so that law did not touch them. Father had a great laugh about my insistence that our family were descendants of a house of Baronets. He twitted and laughed so much that I took offense and would never discuss the subject again.

Here, I must pause and insert another bit of family history which will answer another of your questions, as far as I know, and fill a few gaps which I have no knowledge. When my father was about eighteen, his father (James T.) sent him back to Virginia with a wagon and team to bring old Aunt Nancy out to Illinois. She had sent word by someone who was coming out west, to Grandfather, that she wanted to come to him. (What she was to my Grandfather, I don't know. I always thought she was his sister, until now, when I looked over the pedigree that Uncle Harrel gave me, and I cannot find her name there. She was a cripple, and married in Illinois a man by the name of Clinton, and I always knew her as Aunt Nancy Clinton, and somehow thought she was Grandfather's sister, now I don't know who she was. Anyway, father was sent back for her. He stayed two weeks at her home, and they had a great many slaves, and one day father went out in the peach orchard and slipped up, unseen onto a lot of little black pickaninnies who were vying with each other as to who could open his mouth widest and take the biggest half-peach and eat it down without blinking. (A game I have practiced many a time in my own childhood, eating gooseberries.) Father was not used to slaves, I do not know if he ever saw one before, out on the frontier, and he impulsively surprised them by jumping at the little pickaninnies just as he had filled his wide mouth with a half-peach. The little negro started an outcry among the little ones, and out came a big negress and she grabbed that little choking child by the feet and suspended him into the air and spanked him until he threw out the peach; then she gave him some of the same medicine, crying out: "I'll sho you-all's how to scare my chile most t' deaf[" I have seen my father laugh until he cried over that funny incident, when he recalled it to mind.

I have been told that the big negress was Grandfather's old nurse in Virginia, and she considered it a duty of hers to punish his child for isbehavior. Also I have a keepsake given to my father while there. I keep it in my mother's old bible. She fell in love with my father and wanted to convey this fact to him, that he should come back again for her.

Another incident, this must have happened when they were enroute to Illinois, and perhaps stopped in Warren County on a visit, while passing through Tennessee. He said it was Great Grandfather Byars' big home, and they had a great many

slaves in the kitchen, and he remembered that he was very much afraid of them, and the negro women teased him because of it. He did not know how old he was, but guessed he was three or four years old. Everybody's shoes were always set by the great fireplace for the slaves to clean for the next morning. Father placed his with the rest as told, but the next morning he could not find them. Those shoes were very much prized, but he was afraid of the negro women and would not ask for them, and he, child-like, cried instead. His Grandfather instantly called her back and reaching down picked up a piece of kindling wood and broke it over her head. Father said he was not so afraid of them after that, but he stayed near his Grandfather. So, it seems that both sides of the family had slaves. Oh, and here is another story proving the family were slave-holders. When Father went to war, he was hurt, and held at Memphis, Tennessee. As a prisoner of war, while convalescing, he was sitting out in the sunshine in the prison yard, looking over the beautiful landscape thereabout, when a carriage drove up, with two liveried slaves upon the driver's seat. They stopped near him and one of the slaves stepped down and opened the door of the carriage for his master, who inquired for the Officer of the Day, and went in to see him. Soon they came out again and surprised him (Father) by coming directly to where he was sitting on a stump, and asked him if his name was John Hopper, and if he was the son of James T. Hopper. Then the man said: "I am your uncle, I live away up there, that is my plantation you see." (Father looked up at one of the grand looking homes he had been admiring, and at once a spirit of resentment began to kindle in him, thinking that a part of that home by right might belong to his father.) But the uncle was continuing, "I have been watching the names of the prisoners listed here, hoping to find the name of one of Jim's boys. Now I have received permission from the officers here to take you home with me, where you can gain your health under better care, and I want to ask about Jim and his family. But Father's temper all this time had been developing against him, and now without or, we should say, in want of courtesy, either for his uncle's age or kinship, arose to his feet and walked away, saying only he did not want anything to do with him--not even learning his name, whether Hopper or Byers. A true Hopper spirit. Father was twenty-eight years old then, and when he was older and gathered some more wisdom, he never got over kicking himself for that act. It was the same spirit his father held toward his family, and had gripped it like a life-saving line, never changing his determination to have nothing to do with those he had cultivated such a hatred for, ever since he left Virginia. There were estates to be settled up, even after they had lost all their slaves, when death came among them, but he refused to take any part in the settlements.

When he died, his sons then looked after his part of the estate, which had laid in Chancery for so many years; and it amounted to a considerable, even after it was divided among his big family.

That proud, arrogant Hopper spirit gained nothing for him, and denied his family many necessities of life that was justly theirs. But that spirit seems to have belonged away back to the one whose character was the beginning of the name of Hopper, (more about this later). Father could have learned a great deal about the old family on such a visit, if he had been of a different spirit. Grandfather was ever silent about anything pertaining to his people, and what was learned was a word here and there, and that word generally unrepeated, in respect to the Grandfather's wishes.

Grandmother Drucilla was buried in the old Baptist Graveyard, about two miles from my old home, very near the old Hardshell Baptist "Meeting H ouse". A road survey was put through there, long after she was buried, and it placed her grave out in the middle of the road. But they refused to try and remove her bones, and procured a deed for the lot, (I think it is in Brown County) and built a fence around it, and it caused a crook in the road. I heard Uncle Harrel say when he came out to see Father before he died, that nothing should molest it as long as he lived. I have often thought about it and wondered how about it now.

Now to continue Aunt Nancy's story. About the time I wrote about, I had bought me a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary which comprises all publications, from 1828 up to that time which was dated 1895. One day when rambling through it, I came on to a list of ten thousand names of noteworthy persons with their nationality, their station, their profession, or occupation, and the date of their birth and death; which answers the questions, "What was he?" "Where did he live?" "When did he die?" On page 1846 among these noted ones is the name, Isaac Tatem Hopper. American, Quaker and Philanthropist, born 1771, died 1852.

Now, I was all fired up again. And decided to take the first hour I could spare and stop on my way to town, at the Newberry Library in Chicago, and get a book and learn something about the family history. I had never been there, but frequently at the Public Library, and did not know that I could not take out a book from that exclusive archive, but the Librarian was kind and helped me to a stack of books from which I might glean the knowledge I sought. He was splendid in showing me how to make my start; and then returned to his private desk, leaving me sitting beside that stack of books, all, which looked like Webster's Dictionaries in size, and it's code as unfamiliar as the milky-way. I was scared to even look over the pile, and was shocked, appalled, pale and shivering, with but one hour to spare out of a busy day

of fighting in the great battle of life, finding bread for my family. Well, I rallied from my amazement at the prodigious thing I had undertaken, in a minute of time, comparatively, and grabbed a stitch, just anywhere, and commenced to knit, with one eye on the clock.

Well, I happened onto the information that there was more than one branch of the Hopper family. I so soon began to feel the ambition for the Wuaker Philanthropist beginning to weaken. Anyway, I wanted to know where the headwaters of the Hopper family were located, and who named them Hopper and why. Soon I found that one branch was called the "John Hopper branch". Now I was all enthused again, Father's name was John. Well, this "John" family were Quakers.

Well, years of trials and tribulations have been lived through since I visited the Newberry Library, and I found myself alone in the world and little to do, and the old thoughts and activities very frequently filled my mind; and the "Family Tree". I can't imagine where it had been lurking all these years. Los Angeles has a very fine library. Whenever I felt like it, I would spend a day there, but did not confine myself to the Tree, because I found so many other things I wanted to read up on, until your letter came, then I settled down in earnest, and the following is mostly copy of my gleanings and I think it pretty fine, grand. But I must go back another day and verify a few points that do not hitch just right, and I think I have made a mistake in copy.

I believe I have included all I can think of, there may be more that you will like to have, that I can help you to, if so, do not hesitate to ask, I have nothing else to do and would be glad to lend you assistance. Another point I recall. I do not remember in my gleanings in history that the English Authors gave an account of the English Gentry emigrating to this country, and adopting America as their own during the times that we were at war with them. You will notice in this lineal history that there were many of the families had many boys, but they only gave history of those who were heirs to the estates, never an account of what became of other sons. Many of the numerous families were born in the 1700 century, or better if they were born in the 1600s then they would be thoroughly Americanized and more likely to have forgotten, or indifferent, to the old world family; and hand in hand with this idea, men during the time of the revolution did not always believe it patriotic or healthy to claim lineage with the people who were at war with them, and again those who held the connections secret may have all been killed, or died without issue and did not think it wise to tell strangers their secret. My idea has developed from a book I have, written by E. P. Roe, that tells a story of a man that hid himself in America during the Revolution, that

suggests many causes for our ancestors to lose the connection with the Mother Country. One can have an exhaustless topic of conversation on the subject, and I believe I will call this letter to a close for this time.

The following list of articles are copies from a few books in the Library, which are considered the most authentic in the way-back histories of the peoples of the Earth. Here is a little quotation from Daniel Webster that seems to fit in here:

"Those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future, do not perform their duty to the world."

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Well, I walked over to the Library, and firstly, I sat down to a book on Irish Genealogy. I somehow always had a suspicion that we, mostly all of us, looked "Irishy" and first wanted to satisfy my mind about it as a beginning. I had found, remember some years back, that there were three branches of the Hopper family. As this idea was my own, without any facts to back it, I thought to clip off all the doubtful frazzles, before beginning the search in places where I already had some historical fact gathered.

The Librarian, a splendid woman, whose historical knowledge I would give much to have stored in my own brain, brought me Vol. I and II containing the Irish Pedigrees, from the birth of man on. From the index of the great, bulky, voluminous volume, I found the name of Hopper indexed but once, and that was a prefact in "O'Hart's Irish Pedigree Vol. I, page VI--Citation\* Migration. "The first English migration came into Ireland in 1168, in the reign of King Henry II First Henry II born 1133. From that period down to the end of the reign of Henry VIII, there were 78 such migrations see sec. 3 & 4 under the heading "New Divisions of Ireland, and the new settlers." Turning to the appendix, No. 1 and in Vol. II, I found first invasion of Ireland under Henry II; there I found the name of Hopper, who was one of the claimants under Cromwell's invasion.

The names given of these migrating claimants were amazing. I wondered if they had no names before, and were marched through a chute and there named and then knocked off the block and the call of "next" hurled to another victim after him; because, in the several long paragraphs of names there was

every name of things visible to the eye, hearing, feeling, smelling and tasting; and some few others that would be words explaining the activities of life. And, among this great field where the cattle of humanity was named and herded was the name of Hopper. Now, I cried to myself "I don't believe this was the beginning of the name of Hopper. I wish to believe that this one was among the many in those days whom were banished from somewhere, to this place, as the English held power over Ireland at that time, and wanted men to farm and bring in revenue to the Crown. Anyway, I was through with Ireland; however, they are the fathers of the finest looking men on the Globe. (I had not time to hunt up a magazine, the Celtic Magazine, Pub. by Haligan and Cassidy, for Apr. and May 1883, New York, who claim much early Irish settlers of America.

Now I called for the assistance of the Librarian and soon had a stack of volume histories of Bergen County, New Jersey. This, the seat of the old Dutch families of Hopper. In the records of the First Reformed Dutch Church, (the Calvinistic Religion of Holland), in Hackensack, N.J., it is written that William Hoppe, their old way of spelling, was a member of the church there as early as 1686. That Mattys Hoppe and their daughter, Christna Hoppe was baptized, in the year 1686 (something wrong there). There is a little question that the surname Hoppe mentioned is identical with the ancient Holland Dutch name of Hopper; which has been so well and prominently known in the regions of New Amsterdam and the New Netherlands, for more than two and a half centuries. But the exact kinship, quoting from the Genealogical and Memorial History of the State of New Jersey, Vol. I" of either William or Mattys Hoppe and Garrett Hopper, is not clearly settled; although the fair presumption is that both of the former were of a single generation, anterior to that of Garrett Hopper, and if one of them was not his father, they both were probably his uncles, and not of a more remote degree of consanguinity. During the half century of undisputed Dutch dominion in America, the family names of Hoppe and Hopper occur frequently in church and borough records; and they are both known to stand for and represent a substantial element of the sturdy people that followed Hudson, the Navigator and Explorer, who in 1609 opened the way for Dutch colonization and settlement on Manhattan Island, originally the City of New Amsterdam, but now New York, and in the regions adjacent thereto, which during the dominion of Holland, on this side of the Atlantic Ocean were within the jurisdiction of that sovereign power under the name of New Netherlands; and after the overthrow of the Dutch power in America, by superior British might, both names were still retained for generations although that of Hopper finally became

dominant, and is generally accepted as the common family patronymic.

"It is claimed that the surname of Hopper is of French origin and was originally spelled Hoppe.

"There are in America three distinct Hopper families; one is of Irish descent, another comes from the County of urham, England. And, the third, by far the most numerous, is of Dutch ancestry. The emigrant ancestor of the Holland Hoppers was Andries Hopper, and the New Jersey Hoppers are descendants from him. Members of this family have represented Bergen County in both houses of the Legislature, others have worn the judicial ermine with dignity and respectability. Still others have held from time to time county and township offices, and have become famous as physicians, clergymen, lawyers, mayors of cities, publicists, mechanics, sailors, soldiers and agriculturists."

I spent many days on this Holland Dutch trail, but could not hitch them onto the Hoppers of Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky or the Carolina, much as I would have liked to, as there were many pictures of that family, fine looking, to be proud of, as men holding the highest offices of the New Country, but they did not look like the Hoppers of our family, and their names did not jibe, only in Thomasses and Johns, and their religion did not agree. Then deciding that the Dutch Hopper's would not do, I again closed the books, (but marking the point that I would see if I could find the genealogical history some day, of Holland).

Next I took out the books on the Landed Gentry of England. Here my heart had been grounded all the time, but could not commence it until I had clipped all the frazzles of rumor that had buzzed around me during many years, that I might settle down to pretty thoroughly combing the English claims that held mine and others all my life. During the time I was changing books, I kept whispering to myself: "We don't look like Holland Dutch, judging by the pictures given in those histories; we are all high-headed, they are wide-headed, indicating men of construction invention; we just don't hitch."

Now on the last lap, I arranged my books and set to work to see if I could find a connecting link that would weld a bridge across the Atlantic. Arranging my books I selected one to begin with: "Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Landed Gentry of Great Britain and Ireland" by Sir Bernard Burke, C.B., L.L.D., Ulster King of Arms, Vol. II, Pub. by Harrison, Pall Mall in 1879.

I find that there is a great part abbreviated, and to eradicate the dissatisfaction of understanding these many English abbreviations, which I had to puzzle with, I have looked up as many as I could find and will print them all on one page for you to refer to; but I will not attempt to copy the Arms of the Hopper family, for that is all



abbreviations, and unless one had the picture of the Arms and Crests, to consult during the study of it, it would be useless to try and understand it; at least it would be so for me, as I am not familiar with those things. I made a copy of them just to have them, but I know nothing about them further than in England and other foreign lands they think a great deal about having the Arms printed on everything possible to flare their prestige about, advertising past successes, which has a great influence among their kind, kindred and future expectations.

And the Crest, (yes the Hoppers has both Arms and Crest.) Every noble family had a crest to distinguish him from another in rank. A plume of feathers or metal decoration worn on a helmet, indicating rank of the wearer. Sir Walter Scott says: "stooping low his lofty crest." And Gower says: "And on his head there stood upright a crest, in token of a knight." The copy I made is quite long, and if you should want it I will copy it and send it to you, welcome.

#### THE HOPPER LINEAGE IN CO. DURHAM, ENGLAND

"This family was for many generations seated at Wolsingham Co., Durham, in which parish they held lands at a very early period.

"Jenkin Hopper, in the day of Henry VIII, (1500 century) possessed the estate Todepotts and other lands in Wolsingham, which remained with his descendants for two centuries. From him descended:

"John Hopper. of Todepotts and Wiggiside, (Will dated 25 April, 1602) who left by his wife Alice, with three other sons, a son and successor,

"Anthony Hopper, who was the father of:

"Thomas Hopper, who had issue of six sons, of whom Robert purchased the estate of the Eshes. The eldest son and heirs

"John Hopper, born 1627 left at his decease, 19 November, 1700, two sons,

"John Hopper, born 1655 and

"Anthony Hopper, baptised 2 April, 1655, who sold the family estates in Wolsingham. He married May 9, 1691, Frances, daughter of Thomas Coulson, Esq., and left a son,

"Thomas Hopper, who settled at Durham, and was Alderman and Postmaster of that city, and married first 15 Dec. 1723, Mary Burliston, by whom he had no issue. He married secondly,

6th of January, 1729, Elizabeth Paxton, widow of-- Fulthrope, Esq., and left issue of her. with one daughter, Thomasine, married her cousin, Richard Hopper, Surgeon of Durham, six sons, first, John Bapt. 22 Aug. 1731, Mayor of Durham 1764; married Margret daughter of David Johnson; and died without issue. Second, Thomas, baptised 12 Oct. 1732, Vicar of Bowdon, Rector of Barlay, and Prebendary of Ely, (Grandfather of Priscilla Maria Hopper, of Silksworth House, Co. Durham, married Lt. General William Backwith, Kings Hussars) Third Christopher Postmaster of Durham, whose son, Thomas, of Sharron Lodge, Co. York, and of Wolworth, Co. Durham. born 1760, died without issue, 1842 rth, George, of whom presently: --5th Hendry, of Silksworth House, purcjased and entailed the estate of Wolworth. He married the 20 November, 1770, Elizabeth daughter and co-heir of William Steel, Esq., of Lamb Abbey, Kent, M.P., and died 21st June, 1812 without issue (his widow died January 1808, and was buried with her husband in Durham Cathedral): 6th Anthoney, bapt. 30th of Dec. 1738' died 28 Feb. 1823, unmarried, and was buried in Durham Cathedral. The 4th son, (quoted above) George Hopper, Esq., bapt. 11 Nov. 1735 married Ann only daughter and heiress of the Rev. Walter Carless. He was the only son of Richard Carless, Esq. of Birmingham, by Anne daughter of Walter Mosely, third son of Sir Edward Action, Baronet, of Adenham; who was the son of Richard Carless, Esq. the near kinsman and legatee of Col. William Carless, the preserver of King Charles 2nd, (who was born May 30, 1630) in the Royal Oak at Roscobel.--repeating from back, Rev. Walter Carless Vicar of Sandon. (by Anne his wife, sister of Edmund Hector, Esq. of Birmingham the friend of Samuel Johnson) by whom he acquired the estate of Five-Ways House, near Birmingham, and had an only child and heir.

Walter Carless. He married 2ndly Anne, daughter of Henry Perkins, Esq/, buy by her had no issue; and dying the 14th of April 1787 was succeeded by his son.

Walter Carless Hopper, Esq., of Belmont Co., Durham, (heir also to his great uncle, Edmont Hector, Esq. July 25, 1772;) married the 9th of August, 1803. Margret, 3rd daughter of Ralph Shipperson, Esq., of Pittington Hall Garth, and Murton-in-the-Whins, and by her, (who died 21 Mar. 1846) has issue,

1st, Edmont Hector, his heir, who succeeded to estate of Pittington Hall Garth, and has assumed the name and Arms of Shipperson, only

2nd, Walter Anthony, of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law, born 16th of Dec. 1810; died unmarried, 15 Oct. 1845; buried at Mary-the-Less, Durham

3rd, Ralph Shipperson, born Feb. 18 1815; M.D. of Dublin; died Mar. 1856

4th, Augustus Macdonald, born 11th Aug. 1816; M.A. late fellow of St. Johns college, Cambridge, Archdeacon of Norwich, Rector and Patron of Statston, Norfolk, and a magistrate for

that County, married 15 April 1847, Charlotte, youngest daughter of the Rev. John Homes, of Gandy Hall Norfolk, and by her had issue,

1st, Richard Carless, born 4th Feb. 1845; died Jan. 3], 1855

2nd, Edmond Carless, born June 30, 1856

3rd, Anthoney Shipperson, born 17 June, 1858

1st, Anne Margret, married 1st, 21st Oct. 1874. Frederic Grahame Laco, Lieut. 17th regt., and secondly, 14th Nov. 1878 Hugh W. Tyrwhitt Drake, Esq., son of the late Rev. John Tyrwhitt Drake, Rector of Amersham.

2nd, Sarah. deceased

3rd, Constance,----

Arch-Deacon Hopper, died 7th of Jan. 1878.

Walter Carless Hopper, Esq., daughters are,

1st, Mary Anne Frances, married 27th of Mar. 1856, John Smith, Esq., of Burley House, Leeds; died Jan. 20. 1868

2nd, Caroline Elizabeth, married Jan. 25, 1838, Rev. James Boucher, nephew of Viscount Molesworth; and is deceased.

3rd, Isabella Margaret, married Aug. 28, 1838 her cousin, Francis Russell Apletree, Esq., of Golding, Hants.

4th, Frances, died unmarried Dec. 9, 1869

Mr. Hopper inherited the estate of Wolworth that the decease of his cousin, Thomas Hopper, Esq. of Sharrow Lodge, and dying Jan. 15, 1853, was succeeded by his eldest son, the present Rev. Edmont Hector Hopper, (new Shipperdson) representative of the family.

A supplement on page 1835, in the Landed Gentry of Great Britain in the year 1879 publication a further notice; Rev. Edmont Hector Hopper, now Mr. Shipperdson of the Hermitage, and the whole of his other estates are succeeded by his granddaughter, Ethel Adeline Pottinger.

Another article from the same volume, gives more detail of the 17th century. I will here include:

Shipperdson (late Hopper) the Rev. Edmont Hector Hopper, of Pitting Hall, Garth, Murton-in-the-Whins and Hermitage Co. Durham, J.P. and D. L, M. A., formally a Fellow of Christ College, Cambridge, born Sep. 25, 1806, married Nov. 1st, 1838 Adeline, daughter of John Kerreck, Esq. of Marlston, Norfolk,

and by her, who died Sep. 10 1873, had issue

1st, Thomas Henry, born 26th Aug., 1839, Lieut. North Durham Militia; died unmarried Apr. 28, 1872.

1st, Mary Adeline, married Dec. 10 1863, Sir Henry Pottinger, Baronet, died 2nd of June 1866, leaving a daughter, Ethel Adeline.

2nd. Isabella Henrieta, born June 26, 1847; married Apr. 20, 1871 Lieut. Col. Charles Williamson, 6th Rifles (3rd son of Sir Hadworth Williamson 7th Baronet) but died without issue, Mar. 3, 1874.

Mr. Shipperdson assumed, by Royal license, in 1856, the name of Shipperdson only (in lieu of his patronymic Hopper,) on succeeding to the estates of that family under the will of his maternal uncle, Edward Shipperdson, Esq.

I also copied the lineage of the family of Shipperdson, that is the branch the Hoppers married into. There is nothing in their family that is of interest to us, as connection is by adoption only. I can see the real cause for the adoption into that family, as two branches claim direct from Edward III. However, they did not go beyond the title of Baronet, but the background was bolstered by having two coats of arms and two crests; I suppose that counted for something in prestige; but it would not count anything to me now as I have recovered long ago from the glamorous, magic spell that seems to fill the air over the valley of might. I am more happy now than I have ever been in the hope that I may be included among the lease of them that wait for Jesus to adopt us into his near family in that New Eden that is being prepared for us, and that we all will be moving there soon.

I made copy of both the Hopper arms and the Shipperdson arms, and will gladly copy them and send them if you want them.

I made a carbon copy of all I have written this time in case anything happens to this, we will have it all without having to dig again so much.

I will also enclose the abvr. I could find. I may go down to the Library again soon and I will look up those I failed to find. I know better where to find them now, and especially for the copy of the Arms and Crests, they remind me of a code that has passed through a whirlwind, with my little experience in such things; but I may try anyway just to see what I find; but one needs a picture copy to get anywhere, I believe.

## HOPPER ARMS

HOPPER (CO. DURHAM) QUARTERLY, first and fourth, Gyronny of eight sa. and erm. A tower or, for HOPPER: second and third, or, on a mount in base, an oak tree Vert, over all, on a fesse gu. three regal crowns of the first, for Carles, or Carlos, (these bearing of Carlos were granted 21st of May 1658, by Charles II, to his preserver in the royal oaks and in his escape subsequent to the battle of Worchester, Colonel William Carlos, "in perpetuum rei memoriam" as it is expressed in the patent, the record of which is preserved in the College of Arms.

## CRESTS

First a tower ppr. for HOPPER: second a sword hilt and pommel ar. and a scepter of the second, crossed in saltire, enfiled with an oaken civic crown vert. fructured of the second, for Carlos.

## MOTTO OF CARLOS

Subditus fidelis regis et salus regni.

HOPPER of (County Devonshire) Gyronny of eight, or and erm. over all a tower tripple-rowered ar.

HOPPER (Silkworth Co. Durham) Gyronny of eight, sa and erm. Over all a tower, tripple-towered ar. masoned of the first. A tower as in the arms.

## CREST

WILLIAMSON HOPPER (Recorder of Newcastle-upon-tyns.) Quarterly, first and fourth, gyronny of eight, sa. and erm. over all a tower, tripple-towered, ar. masoned; second and third ar. three amulets, and in chief two saltires, gu on an arms of pretence ar, a chev. betw. three cinquefoils gu.

## CREST

AS the last.

HOPPER (That Ilk) Az. in chief two roses ar. in base a crescent ar.

HOPPER (Scotland) Az. three roses gu.

First name Gilliam spelled in this manner 1810 census Pulaski Co. Kentucky  
 FAMILY GROUP No. 1 Husband's Full Name Gilliam Hopper

This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Mrs. Helen C. Deveny		Birth	17	Oct.	1776	Unknown			
2580 Garfield		Chr'd							
Abilene, Texas.		Mar.							
		Death	27	May	1848	Shot accidentally by son Gillum			
		Burial	3 miles North Caneyville, Grayson county Kentucky						
Dock Brown story by		Places of Residence	Va., N. Car., Kentucky and Tennessee						
Col. William R. Haynes		Occupation	Farmer		Church Affiliation		Military Rec.		
written in 1876 in		Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Grayson Co. Kentucky		His Father	not known			Mother's Maiden Name		not known	
		Wife's Full Maiden Name Nancy Campbell							
		Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
From family records		Birth	1782			North Carolina		Irish	
		Chr'd							
		Death	1862			Adams county Illinois			
		Burial	Illinois						
Compiler Otha Jess Hopper		Places of Residence	North Car., Va., Ky., Tenn., and Illinois						
Address Route # 1 Box 614		Occupation if other than Housewife	Church Affiliation						
City, State Springfield, Mo.		Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Date 1930 to 1981		Her Father	Not known			Mother's Maiden Name		Nancy ---	
Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Samuel Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1	Jan.	1800	Pulaski Co. Kentucky			
		Mar.							
		Death	Rabun Co. Georgia ?						
		Burial							
2	Moses Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1802			Pulaski Co. Kentucky			
		Mar.							
		Death	1862			Boone Co. Ark. near Harrison. Killed in front year by Confederate Bush Whackers.			
		Burial							
3	William Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1804			Pulaski Co. Kentucky			
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	James Townsend Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	28	June	1806	Claiborne Co. Tennessee			
		Mar.	19	June	1828	Warren Co. Tennessee			
		Death	1	Dec.	1880	Shelby Co. Missouri			
		Burial	3	Dec.	1880	Hopper Cemetery North of Clarence, Missouri			
5	Drucilla Byars Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1808						
		Mar.							
		Death	1856			Gibson Co. Tenn. Killed by brother Gillum			
		Burial	Gibson Co. Tenn. near Rutherford.						
6	Allis B. Moore Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	24	Mch.	1812	Pulaski Co. Kentucky			
		Mar.							
		Death	20	Aug.	1886	Shelby Co. Missouri			
		Burial	John H. Ramsey						
7	Pickney Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	18	Nov.	1816				
		Mar.							
		Death	1	Feb.	1848	Grayson Co. Kentucky			
		Burial							
8	Gillum Hopper alias Dock Brown Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death	1856			Killed in self defence by bro. Absalom			
		Burial	Buried in an unmarked grave in Gibson Co. Tenn.						
9	Anna Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial	Kentucky						
10	Nathan Frizzell Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

## GILLIAM HOPPER

What is known concerning who the parents of Gilliam Hopper (1776-1848) is based largely on family tradition.

It is thought that he was one of the younger sons of one of four brothers who emigrated from Devon, England prior to the Revolutionary War. These four brothers are said to have been in the Battle of Cowpens Jan. 17, 1781 and that two died of wounds.

This battle took place near the South Carolina-Tennessee State line in what is now Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

Ban Tarleton, a young British General commanded a body of 1,000 green clad, mounted British dragoons and was ordered by General Cornwallis to find the American General Dan Morgan and to "Push him to the utmost". Morgan had at that time a body of approximately 1,000 militia in his command consisting of both mounted and foot soldiers. Morgan later reported that Tarleton pushed him like a blood hound to the Cowpens, a rolling plain famous for cattle roundups.

The battle that followed was overwhelmingly won by the Americans, partly, we read, by the brashness of the impetuous Tarleton, but especially by the daring position assumed by the American Commander and the tactical skill he displayed in defending it. Losses of the British were 800 killed and wounded and captured, while the Americans lost only 12 killed and 60 wounded. Ban Tarleton barely escaped with his life with only a few men.

Family records show that Gilliam Hopper was born 17 October 1776. Tax records for Pulaski County, Kentucky name Gilliam Hopper for the years 1803 to 1813. Gilliam Hopper was mentioned as a buyer at a sale of Joseph Clark in Pulaski County in 1804. In 1814 he was an appraiser of the estate of John Mayfield and in 1817 he was a buyer at the Robert Adams estate sale. In 1814 Gilliam Hopper sold land to John Hopper. Regarding this sale the deed book for Pulaski County pages 349 and 350 states: "This indenture made and entered into this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen between Gilliam Hopper and Nancy, his wife, of the County of Pulaski and the State of Kentucky, of the one part, and John Hopper of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, witnesseth that the said Gilliam Hopper for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars current money of the State aforesaid to him in hand paid the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge have granted and

sold and by these presents doth freely grant bargain and sell unto the said John Hopper, his heirs forever one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Pulaski on the waters of Fishing Creek containing one hundred and two acres by survey be the same more or less conveyed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to said Hopper by patent bearing date of the twenty first day of January one thousand eight hundred and twelve".

By 1819 Gilliam Hopper had purchased land in Warren County, Tennessee.

The 1810 census of Pulaski County, Kentucky list Gilliam Hopper 45 one female to 45, three male children and three female children.

The 1820 census of Warren County, Tennessee lists Gilliam Hopper over 45, wife and 9 children, no slaves, occupation farmer.

The 1830 census of Warren County, Tennessee lists only Nancy Hopper over 45, and 4 children and 8 slaves.

According to the book Dock Brown "The Outlaw of Grayson County" by Col. William R. Haynes, written in 1876 and published by The Litchfield Gazette, Litchfield, Kentucky 42754 Gilliam Hopper killed David Stockstill with a shot gun as a result of a dispute over a land boundary.

At the Warren County court house in book 1 Inventories, Sales, Administrator and Executor Settlements following 1827 an inventory of David Stockstill estate is listed.

Also stated in the Dock Brown book is the jury verdict as follows: "We, of the jury find that the deceased, David Stockstill, came to his death from a shot gun wound at the hands of Gulliam Hopper, on the twentieth day of April, eighteen hundred and twenty nine" J. Frost, Foreman

According to Col. Haynes, Gilliam Hopper then fled into Kentucky and lived at different locations until 27 May, 1848 when he was killed by his son Gillum who had taken the name "Dock Brown" and was called the outlaw of Grayson County.



Information secured from Lewis M. Owens, 2824 Dan Patch Drive, Lexington, Kentucky, 40511 July 10th, 1976.

This all regards Pulaski County, Kentucky. John Hopper paid taxes on 200 acres on Bucks Creek in 1800 thru 1803 and from 1804 thru 1823 one Sarah Hopper is listed as the owner from tax records. Apparently she was the wife of John and John died about 1803 or 1804. Gilliam Hopper is listed with 150 acres on Fishing Creek from 1804 thru 1813. One Rawley Hopper is listed in 1809 with 100 acres on Fishing Creek -- and that is all the Hoppers thru 1825 in Pulaski County, Kentucky.

From the Hopper family files in the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort, Ky., in 1938 Oletha Ramage, 1526 Elevado Street, Los Angeles, California wrote a letter stating: "Gilliam Hopper, born before 1775 in Ireland or England, came to Virginia, then to North Carolina, then to Kentucky and then to Tennessee. Was in Tennessee in 1820. He married a lady of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction, place not known. Had a son Moses born in Kentucky in 1802. One John Hopper, Corporal in the Virginia Continental Line took 20 acres in Lincoln County, Kentucky in 1798. As Pulaski County, Ky. was partially farmed from Lincoln County, this John may have been Gilliam's older brother."

**FAMILY GROUP No. 2** Husband's Full Name James Townsend Hopper

This Information Obtained From: These birth dates are in Hopper family bible in home of Mrs. Floyd Wing grand daughter of Rebecca Hopper Marrett and copied by Mrs. Helen Deveny, great grand daughter of John L. Hopper

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	28	June	1806	Claiborne County	Tennessee	according to	Monmon
Chr'd							Genealogical Society Salt Lake, Utah
Mar.	10	June	1828	Warren County	Tennessee		
Death	1	Dec.	1880	Shelby County	Missouri		
Burial				Hopper Cem.	North of Clarence, Missouri		
Places of Residence				Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri			
Occupation				Farmer	Church Affiliation		Military Rec.
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
His Father				Gilliam Hopper			Mother's Maiden Name Nancy Campbell

Wife's Full Maiden Name Drucilla Byars

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	15	Sept.	1811	Warren County	Tenn.		
Chr'd							
Death	7	Oct.	1853	Adams County	Illinois		
Burial				Dunkard Cem.	Lee Township, Brown Co. Illinois		
Places of Residence				Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky and Illinois			
Occupation if other than Housewife					Church Affiliation		
Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Her Father				Harrell Byars			Mother's Maiden Name Jane Gill

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<u>Townsend N. Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	16	Sept.	1829	Warren Co.	Tennessee		
		Mar.							
		Death			Infant				
		Burial							
2	<u>Harrell B. Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	6	Sept.	1830	Warren Co.	Tenn.		
		Mar.	16	June	1853	Adams or Brown Co.	Ill.		
		Death	15	Dec.	1913	Adams Co.	Illinois		
	<u>Serena Farmer</u>	Burial			Howe. Cem.	near Clayton, Illinois			
3	<u>Rebecca H. Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	22	March	1832	Warren Co.	Tenn.		
		Mar.	16	Sept.	1852	Adams Co.	Illinois		
		Death	4	Aug.	1908	Adams Co.	Illinois		
	<u>Samuel S. Marrett</u>	Burial			City Cem.	Clayton Illinois			
4	<u>John L. Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	2	Dec.	1833	Warren Co.	Tennessee		Civil
		Mar.	3	March	1853	Brown Co.	Illinois		war
		Death	10	June	1904	Kirksville, Missouri	Adair Co.		veteran.
	<u>Nancy Jane Anderson</u>	Burial			Hopper Cem.	North of Clarence, Missouri			
5	<u>Salomon C. Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	18	Dec.	1835	Warren Co.	Tennessee		Civil War
		Mar.	1	April	1858	Shelby Co.	Missouri		Veteran
	<u>1st Eliz. L. Graham</u>	Death			Dec. 30 1916	Broken Arrow Oklahoma			
	<u>2nd Lydia Crawford</u>	Burial			Broken Arrow, Oklahoma				
6	<u>Pickney Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	22	April	1838	Point Pleasant	Virginia		Civil War
		Mar.	28	Feb.	1858	Adams Co.	Illinois		veteran.
		Death	3	Oct.	1909				
	<u>Sarah Eliz. Jefferson</u>	Burial			Cemetery	in Clarence, Missouri			
7	<u>Gillum Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	Feb.	23,	1840	Adams Co.	Illinois		Civil War
		Mar.	Feb.	27,	1858	Adams Co.	Illinois		veteran
	<u>1st Harriett Cestine</u>	Death			June 26, 1934	Clarence, Missouri			
	<u>2nd Mary Eliz. Brown</u>	Burial				Clarence, Missouri			3rd wife Maryett Dove
8	<u>Jane B. Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	8	Jan.	1842	Adams Co.	Illinois		
		Mar.	25	Feb.	1858				
	<u>1st Thomas C. Willis</u>	Death			2 Feb. 1918	Shelby Co. Missouri			
	<u>2nd James H. Pippinger</u>	Burial			Hopper Cem.	North of Clarence, Mo.			
9	<u>Shalmanazer Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	17	April	1845	Adams Co.	Illinois		Civil War
		Mar.	15	June	1864				veteran
		Death			1 Sept. 1899				
	<u>Emily L. Sims</u>	Burial			Hopper Cem.	North of Clarence, Missouri			
10	<u>Mary Anna Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	22	Oct.	1847	Adams Co.	Illinois		
		Mar.	13	Sept	1866				
	<u>Isaac Milton Brown</u>	Death			20 July 1862				
		Burial							

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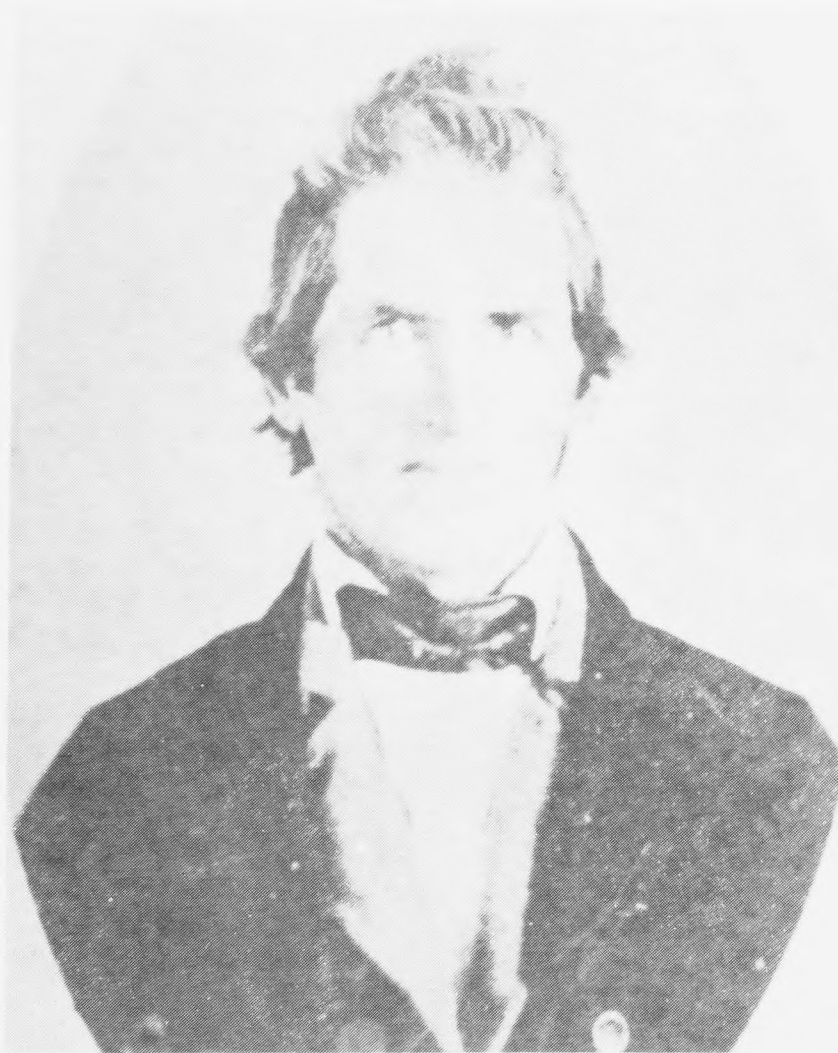
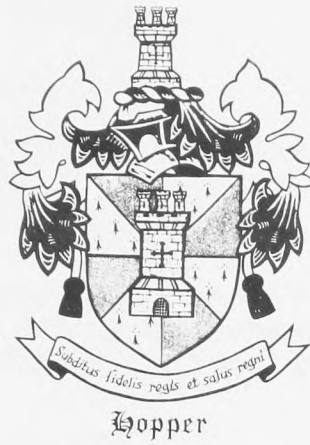
Wife's full maiden name Drucilla Byers

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	No. <u>11</u> <u>Stephen Peter Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse <u>Mary E. Riley</u>	Birth Mar. Death Burial	<u>22</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>1850</u>	<u>Adams Co. Illinois</u>			
	No. <u>12</u> <u>Ana Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse <u>Isaac Milton Brown</u>	Birth Mar. Death Burial	<u>22</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>1852</u>	<u>Adams County Illinois</u>			
			<u>18</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>1870</u>	<u>Shelby Co. Missouri</u>			
					<u>1933</u>	<u>Livingston Co. Missouri</u>			
						<u>Edgewood Cemetery Chillicothe, Missouri</u>			
			<u>27</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>1868</u>	<u>Shelby County Missouri</u>			
					<u>Sept. 1910</u>	<u>Note: Isaac Milton Brown was</u>			
						<u>Mary Anna Hopper's husband</u>			
	No. <u>    </u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth Mar. Death Burial							
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FAMILY GROUP No. <u>"2A"</u>		Husband's Full Name <u>James Townsend Hopper</u>		Second wife of									
This Information Obtained From: <u>Family Records</u>		Husband's Data		City, Town or Place		County or Province, etc.		State or Country		Add. Info. on Husband			
		Birth		28 June 1806		Christian County		Kentucky					
		Chr'd											
		Mar.		2nd 20 May 1854		Adams or Brown County		Illinois					
		Death		7 Dec. 1880		Shelby County		Missouri					
		Burial		Hopper Cemetery near		Clarence		Missouri					
		Places of Residence		Adams or Brown county		Illinois and Shelby Co.		Mo.					
		Occupation		Farmer		Church Affiliation		Military Rec.					
		Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.		First Drucilla Byars									
		His Father		Gilliam Hopper		Mother's Maiden Name		Nancy Campbell					
		Wife's Full Maiden Name		Nancy K. Simms (Owens, Burke)									
		Wife's Data		Day Month Year		City, Town or Place		County or Province, etc.		State or Country		Add. Info. on Wife	
		Birth		1827									
		Chr'd											
		Death		1899									
		Burial		Hopper Cemetery		Shelby Co.		Mo.					
		Compiler		Otha J. Hopper		Places of Residence							
		Address		Rt. 1 Box 614		Occupation if other than Housewife		Church Affiliation					
		City, State		Springfield, Mo.		Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.		Owens, Burke					
		Date		1980		Her Father		Mother's Maiden Name					
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1	Samuel M. Hopper Full Name of Spouse* Annie	Birth											
		Mar.			1856		Shelby Co.	Mo.					
		Death											
		Burial											
2	George Lafayette Hopper Full Name of Spouse* Della M.	Birth			27 Jan 1857		Shelby Co.	Mo.					
		Mar.											
		Death			Sept 1937								
		Burial				Hopper Cemetery	Shelby Co.	Mo.					
3	Ulysses Grant Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			4 Oct 1863		Shelby Co.	Mo.					
		Mar.											
		Death											
		Burial											
4	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth											
		Mar.											
		Death											
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		Mar.											
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		Burial											

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.



*James Townsend Hopper son of Gilliam Hopper  
Born 28 June 1806 in Claiborne County Tennessee  
Passed away 1st December 1880 in Shelby County Missouri*



THE STORY OF JAMES AND DRUCILLA BYERS HOPPER  
AS RELATED TO JAMES WILBER HOPPER BY STEPHEN  
PETER HOPPER

James T. Hopper was born on the Old Cumberland Trail on the Tennessee side of the Tennessee-Kentucky Border June 20, 1806 which was soon after Daniel Boone had blazed a trail to the West.

James had six brothers and two sisters. Prior to his birth were Samuel, Moses and William, and following, Absalom, Mary, Pickney, Gillum and Anna. He grew to manhood on the Tennessee farm, growing up with his brothers and sisters. Each year they grew a small amount of tobacco, cotton, grain and livestock which supplied the family with food and material for clothing, shoes etc. Mother Hopper with Mary, who was usually called Polly, spun the wool and cotton into yarn and thread, wove it into fabric, then made it into clothing for the family. The yarn was knit into stockings for the women folks and into mittens and socks for the men.

The local tan yard was patronized yearly as was the neighborhood water mill. The hides were taken to the tan yard where the tanner made them into leather, retaining one half the finished product for toll. Furs were dried and tanned by Mother Hopper, who later made them into caps, mittens, moccasins and winter clothing. Surplus hides and furs were sold to the fur traders. At the water mill one sixth of the finished meal was retained for toll.

During the late summer or early fall the shoemaker made his annual visit to the Hopper home and remained until each member was provided with a new pair of shoes or boots made to fit each individual. When summer came the old boots were often made over into shoes by Father Hopper.

Social life in the Hopper home was well up to the standard for rural communities in those days. The log school house with split log seats, puncheon floors and a large fireplace where school was held three months each year also served as a meeting place.

Religious services were frequently conducted in the school house by a circuit rider or by some faithful member of the community.

During the Fall and early Winter hunting and nutting parties were enjoyed by the young and old. During the winter months the men and boys hunted and trapped fur animals. The family depended for the most part on wild game for the meat supply. Deer and wild turkey were especially favored. The women and girls spent the winter evenings near the fire spinning, weaving, knitting or mending. Often some traveler hunter or trapper would spend the night in the Hopper home.

James would listen with intent interest to stories told by these visitors of the adventures experienced in the land to the West and beyond the great Mississippi River. He resolved to go West as soon as he was grown up enough to leave home.

As James grew older, he became interested in a neighbor maiden by the name of Drucilla Byers. He was aware of the fact that she was not only fair to look upon but was skilled in the domestic arts that were so important in those days. She seemed always cheerful, kind and bore a smile that pleased James very much. When twenty years old, James was five feet and ten inches tall, well developed and strong. One evening, out of sight of his ever watchful Presbyterian mother, he asked Drucilla to marry him. She accepted and together they made plans to go West. He thought that before they were married, however, that he should take a trip West and while hunting and trapping, look for a home site.

On an early autumn day in the late 1820's, James began his journey west by floating down the Cumberland and Ohio rivers to the Mississippi, then paddling upstream to St. Louis. St. Louis at this time was a fur trading center and a supply point for people going on West. From here he made his way as far as Booneville where he spent the winter hunting and trapping with much success.

On returning home he found some interesting things happening. His older brothers Moses and Pickney were preparing to emigrate to Arkansas and Drucilla's oldest brother, Nathan Byers and Mary (Polly) were preparing to get married. It became necessary for him to remain at home with his aged parents thus interrupting his plans of returning to the West. During this period at home he married Drucilla and Mary married Drucilla's brother Nathan.

James and Drucilla lived in the old neighborhood until 1835 producing children to the extent of three living and one dead, and she was carrying the fifth child. His father had left for parts unknown and his mother Nancy was living with Moses. It seemed now a fitting time for them to leave and to begin to carry out their plans for moving farther to the West.

One morning in Summer after settling up his affairs found James with all his surplus wealth in gold coins concealed in a belt strapped about his body, and Drucilla with hope and some anxiety each mounted in an emigrant wagon well loaded with provisions, seeds and equipment. James was skilled as a carpenter, blacksmith and mason and he took a good set of tools with him.

Drucilla drove a team of very good mares with a jack tied at the rear of the wagon. James' team consisted of one yoke of oxen and one yoke of cows. All of the animals were of good breeding and well broke. The oldest of the three young members



of the Hopper family going on the journey was five. James with the cattle took the lead while Drucilla with the horse team followed. Progress was necessarily slow on account of the slow plodding cattle. They proceeded along the old trail over which the young Abe Lincoln had traveled some years before. They crossed Kentucky to the Ohio river and were safely ferried across into Indiana. The crossing took place at the same ferry where Lincoln's father had the misfortune of having seven barrels of whiskey slide off into the river. As the Hopper family proceeded Westward across Indiana, each day became harder for Drucilla because of the children and her pregnancy. Each day an early start was required in order that the slow-moving animals might reach the next regular camping place before night fall. Frequently whole days were spent in camp in order to rest the animals and to give Drucilla a chance to regain her strength. In time the little party reached Brown County, Illinois. Here the journey ended in the edge of a fine timber where it bordered on a fine prairie at a most beautiful spot. Here James purchased forty acres of good timber. Since winter was near, he immediately set about to build a log cabin. This he covered with split oak clap boards and inside he constructed a well built fire place. After plastering the cracks with mud mixed with grass, the dwelling was comfortable during the cold weather. By the end of November, the wagons were unloaded and family moved into their new home. James proceeded to enlarge the clearing, build eail fences and shelters for the animals and to secure food and water. On December 18th a new son was born and named Solomon.

The winter passed quickly and by Spring the farm yard population in the split rail inclosure had increased by two mule colts, two calves and seven pigs. James had purchased a sow and some chickens. The first season's crop was good both in the garden and small field that had been cleared and fenced. Summer passed into delightful autumn and the house had been enlarged much to the pleasure of Drucilla and she was making it a real home which was appreciated by both the family and friends.

Years passed and the soil proved fertile. The crops were good, shelters for the livestock had to be increased and log granaries had to be built. The country filled up with new neighbors.

On April 22, 1838 another son was born and given the name Pinkney. He grew to become a mischievous, playful and frolicsome lad and later in life distinguished himself as a kindhearted, friendly joker. He retained these characteristics throughout his entire life.

The first span of mules were nearly grown, well broke to the harness and to the plow. About this time, James had become interested in the beautiful broad prairies that adjoined his reclaimed, once wooded farm. He thought that one day a plow would be made that would enable him to farm the prairies. One day after discussing the matter with Drucilla he worked out a trade of a span of young mules for a quarter

section of adjoining prairie land. The next year another span of mules was traded for another quarter section of raw prairie land. The following year another such trade was made. Now the farm consisted of three quarter sections plus the original forty acres making a total of 520 acres. Near this time the steel mold board plow was put into use and the prairie land was being plowed up and put into crops. Land values took a sudden rise so no more mules could be traded for land as had been done.

James and the boys built another house of well hewn logs out on the prairie land. This house was built with a loft which served as a sleeping quarters for the boys. Soon after moving into this new home a most interesting thing happened to the Hoppers and neighbors. One day when James and the boys were out in the field at work a number of surveyors were seen to pass near by. When interrogated they said they were surveying for a new railroad, the Toledo and Chicago, now a part of the Wabash system. A station was built on the Hopper farm and given the name of Mounds Station Adams County Illinois. The farm was at the Brown and Adams County Line.

During this period in the life of James and Drucilla Hopper, the city of Chicago had grown from Fort Dearborn with a population of seventy to a small city of four thousand. The country was filling up rapidly and the Hopper family prospered. Land values had become quite high and James and Drucilla who had a sense of obligation to their offspring, began to make plans as to the best means of providing for them. Land was less expensive on West into Missouri and the opportunities seemed better there. Plans and preparations were started to go to Missouri.

Much had to be done before the move on West could be made. The older children were almost grown and there was much land and livestock to be divided, shared and disposed of. Harrell, the oldest son, and Rebecca, the oldest daughter were married about this time. Harrell and his wife moved into the big house on the prairie and Rebecca and her husband, Samuel Marrett moved into the old house on the original forty acres. Two more children had been born to James and Drucilla making a total of twelve living and one dead. Drucilla was a good wife and mother and it was her great delight to be ever doing things to make her home folks happy. All dearly loved mother Drucilla, but she was never to continue the journey westward into Missouri. Just as arrangements were almost complete for the departure, she became ill and died.

James and the remainder of the family were extremely grieved and bore great sorrow. Many changes had to be made and plans to move on West delayed. The large family had to be cared for and the home reorganized.

Nearly two years passed and James took unto himself a second wife and mother for his children. Three years following the death of Drucilla the original forty acres was sold for \$5,000.00 which was added to the sum being accumulated for purchase of land in Missouri. The remainder of the Illinois land was given to the three oldest children. All three were married and each received a quarter section of improved Illinois prairie land. The two young daughters were taken into the homes of Harrell and Rebecca where they were carefully reared and schooled.

James' second wife, Nancy Simms, Owens, Burks, being twice widowed and the mother of a number of children, became a very good mother to the remainder of the Hopper children but could not fill the place of the never forgotten Drucilla.

During the following summer and about a year after the remarriage of James which was 20 May, 1854, the two wagons were again loaded with much better provisions and equipment than twenty years before. In fact, now there were two horse drawn wagons and four ox drawn wagons and one horse drawn spring wagon plus a large number of livestock.

The family traveled westward through Quincy, Illinois ferried across the Mississippi River, and traveled on without any mishap until they reached a beautiful prairie in Shelby County, Missouri. The trail westward from Quincy was the government overland mail route and Stage Coach road where a few years later was built the first across state rail road. The Hannibal and St. Joseph which is now a part of the Burlington system.

Not far from the confluence of Salt River and Ten Mile Creek, about ten miles north of where Clarence now stands, James T. Hopper purchased 1600 acres of prairie land from William H. Burr of Westport, Connecticut, Fairfield Company for \$6,000.00 on March 21, 1856. Then on October 17, 1856 he purchased 800 more acres from A. E. Beard of the same company for \$4,000.00. In November of the same year he purchased 40 acres from John C. Carothers of Shelby County, Missouri for \$100.00 making a total of 2,440 acres.

Samuel S. Marrett, Rebecca's husband, accompanied the family to Shelby County, driving one of the teams and then returned home to Brown County, Illinois after completing the journey. As soon as the family was settled in their new home, Pickney, who was almost grown, was put to plowing the rich, virgin sod. He managed to plow forty acres of the prairie sod which was planted to corn the first season.

Included in the amount of machinery brought from Illinois was a 22 inch prairie plow which when in operation was mounted on a pair of low trucks and drawn by six oxen. Another plow of durable construction with a 16 inch

cut was used for plowing brush land at the edge of the prairie ground. Pickney with the help of Gillum was kept busy most of the time the first few seasons plowing the land.

In the mid summer of 1857 James and the older boys returned to Illinois to harvest 40 acres of wheat that had been retained. The yield was good and they returned with wagons loaded with wheat for seed and flour for the family use. They arrived at the new home just in time to relieve the family of a temporary food shortage.

Hopper children to the extent of three boys were born to the new marriage and given the names George, Grant and Samuel. All grew up on the farm, married and reared children. Their father made an early settlement with them by giving the three an undivided 400 acres of land on April 29, 1864. They all lived to old age, but died with little more than their father had given them. The mother of these boys was given a lifetime dowery in the home.

As each of the Hopper children came of age, Father James gave him or her a farm of approximately 160 acres, one good horse, one cow and a sow. He frequently remarked that he wished that his children might have a better start in life than he had.

This plan gave the children a start in early life and afforded Father James an honorable and satisfactory disposition of his estate while he was living and had the power and full control of its disposal.

During the year 1875 James made a trip to California by rail. His latter days were spent in the homes of two of his sons, Stephen and Shalmanezzer. He died at the home of Stephen on December 1, 1880 of a very painful stomach ailment. He was buried in the family burial ground on a beautiful roll on the old home place. His monument stands as if overlooking a large portion of the farm overseeing it in death as he did in life.

James T. Hopper was a good provider, considerate, with an even temperament and disposition. He was respected by his neighbors and was an ever generous and kind father.

OTHER INCIDENTS OF INTEREST IN THE LIFE  
OF JAMES TOWNSEND HOPPER

James always tried to instill into his children habits of thrift and economy together with principles of honesty and uprightness. In a large measure he was successful. No dishonorable nor criminal act has ever been credited to any of them. All were good American citizens, were a long life people and none bore hereditary taints. All contributed to the good name they bore.

At the outbreak of the Civil War all male members of the James Hopper family of the proper age responded to the call of President Lincoln for Union volunteers. In all, five sons and two sons-in-law offered their services and enlisted into the army and served until the end of the war. All returned except the husband of sister Jane Willits. He died of natural causes while still in the service. All were honorably discharged and some had risen in rank.

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James finds his long lost sister (Polly)  
Mary Byers

Some time after moving to Missouri James took a load of grain to a mill on Salt River. So many other people were there ahead of him that he had to remain until the next day to have his grinding done. While making preparations to spend the night he discovered on some grain sacks the name of P. Byers. This aroused his curiosity and true to his hopes he learned, to his great delight, that the sacks belonged to his long lost sister Polly Byers. She was now a widow but living comfortably with the remainder of her family some of the children were grown and teaching school and the remainder were at home working on the farm. Polly was known to have emigrated westward from Tennessee but where James did not know. James spent the night with Polly and her family and a happy acquaintance was formed between the Hoppers and the Byers which lasted as long as members of the family remained.

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Harrell B. Hopper ([830-]9]3)

Born in Tennessee Sept. 6, 1830. At the age of five years he emigrated with his parents to Brown County, Ill. There he grew to manhood on the farm of his father. He married raised a family and died at an old age.

Harrell was a good farmer and livestock man, a good provider for his family and highly respected in the neighborhood. He died on the farm he loved survived by three children.

## James Hopper family and Descendants, Continued

### Rebecca H. Hopper (Marrett)

Born in Tennessee March 22, 1832. At the age of three she emigrated to Brown County, Illinois with her parents where she grew to young womanhood. She married Samuel S. Marrett. He was a man of excellent character and unusual thrift. He served as a captain in the United States Army during the Civil War. After the war he returned to his farm and family and became a prosperous and prominent farmer.

Rebecca was an excellent mother, a good housekeeper and a splendid cook. She had many friends and was loved by family and friends alike. Two daughters were born to this parentage.

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### John L. Hopper (1833-1911)

He was born in Tennessee December 2, 1833. At the age of two years he emigrated to Brown County, Illinois with his parents. Here he grew to manhood. He was a good violinist. After serving as a volunteer in the Union Army during the entire Civil War he returned to his farm and family. He became a successful farmer and breeder of pure bred short horn cattle. His four children, John Jr., James, Emma and Francis (Fannie) grew up on the farm.

The father being anxious that his sons succeed him in the farm and livestock business provided each of them a good farm well stocked. The boys, however, did not possess the interests or ability of their father, mortgaged their farms for spending money and lost them to their creditors. Both had married so the father set them up on other farms and within a short time they lost these farms also. They both married a second time and had children by the second wives.

John Jr. had three children by the second wife; John III became a carpenter; Lillian married a banker and lived in Seattle, Washington; the other daughter married a business man and lived in Washington State also. John Jr. died a poor man.

James had two sons Clay and John by his second wife. He tried real estate, insurance, politics, small hotel business and other things and failed in all. He died in the City Hospital in St. Louis a poor man, of tuberculosis.

Emily (Emma) married a successful man by the name of John T. Curry of Adams County, Illinois. They moved to Adair County, Missouri in 1886. She took her father into her home where he remained until his death.

## James T. Hopper family and Descendants Continued

Francis lost her first husband and was left with two daughters. She became a successful artist. She moved with her two daughters to Chicago and remarried. Later divorced and moved to California where she continued her art work until she retired.

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### Solomon C. Hopper

Solomon C. Hopper was born in Adams County, Illinois in a log cabin, soon after the arrival of the James T. Hopper family from Tennessee. He grew to manhood on the Illinois farm and then moved to Missouri with the family in 1856. He served as a volunteer in the Union Army during the Civil War. After the war he returned home and soon married Eliza L. Graham. He then went to work on a farm his father had given him. He remained on this Shelby County farm until a number of children were born. He then sold out and went to Arkansas where he homesteaded a piece of land. At the time the Cherokee strip was opened up in Oklahoma his boys won claims when the famous race was made. The whole family then moved to Oklahoma. Solomon lost his first wife and later married Lydia Crawford and before he died he married a third time. The third wife's name was Peterman.

He spent his semi-retirement years in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma until his death at an old age.

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### Pickney Hopper

Pickney Hopper was born in Adams County, Illinois April 22, 1838. At the age of seventeen he moved with his family to Shelby County, Missouri. Here with his father's triple yoke oxen team pulling a 22 inch plow broke out a large part of the great prairie farm. On the 28th of February 1858 he married Sarah Elizabeth Jefferson. He served in the Union Army through the Civil War and then returned home to the farm his father had given him.

Pickney was always a practical joker, a good story teller and fun maker for his family and friends. At an old age he retired and lived in Clarence, Missouri. He raised a family of several children and provided well for them.

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### Gillum Hopper

Gillum Hopper was born on his father's farm in Adams Co., Illinois February 23, 1840. At the age of fifteen he emigrated with his family to Shelby County, Missouri. Here he grew to manhood married and moved with his bride onto the farm his father had given him. While serving in the Civil

## James T. Hopper family and Descendants Continued

War, his wife died at the home of her parents in Illinois. One child was born to this parentage.

After the war, Gillum returned to his Missouri farm and married Mary Brown and raised a family of several children. He moved to Clarence, Missouri as soon as the boys were large enough to run the farm. James and Albert were left to run the farm. The second wife passed away and he then married a third and a fourth time and these wives both preceded him in death. His three latter wives are buried side by side in the Clarence cemetery and the first wife is buried in Illinois. During his last days Gillum lived alone in Clarence and depended upon his war pension for support.

Gillum's children consisted of three or four girls. The oldest being from his first marriage and the youngest from his third marriage. Four boys were of his second marriage; James, Calvin, Milton, Glenn and Elmer.

James became a farmer and lived on the home farm.

Calvin Milton became a successful business man and a banker. He married and raised three boys who like their father were graduates of the University of Missouri.

Glenn became a salesman, married, but had no children.

Elmer became an undertaker in Clarence, married and raised two children.

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### Shalmanezzer (Shally) Hopper

Shally, as he was best known, was born in Adams County, Illinois April 19, 1845. He moved with his parents to Shelby County, Missouri in 1855. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and married Emily Simms, his stepmother's sister. He then moved onto a farm given him by his father and started a family. He served throughout the Civil War in the Union Army and after the war he returned to his farm and family. During the reconstruction period following the war he lost his farm. His father helped him re-gain the farm where he remained until his death at an old age. His children were three daughters and five sons.

Eliza became a farmer in Montana; Matthew became a fruit grower in California; Another son became a preacher.

This Hopper family was quite religious and were of the Old Hard Shell Baptist faith. Father James made his home with this family during a large part of his retirement.



## James T. Hopper family and Descendants Continued

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### Jane Hopper (Willits) (Pippinger)

Jane Hopper was born on the Adams County, Illinois farm January 8, 1842. At the age of thirteen she emigrated with her family to Shelby County, Missouri. Here she grew to womanhood and married Samuel Willits. The couple then moved on a farm given them by her father. Willits enlisted in the Union Army when the Civil war broke out and served until the close of the war. He was given an honorable discharge but died of natural causes before returning home.

Jane later married James H. Pippinger, who served as a surgeon during the Civil War. To this marriage children were born and the family continued to live on Jane's farm until the children were grown. The parents later left the farm and moved into Clarence and were supported partly by the doctor's pension. After his death, Jane went to live with a daughter in Iowa.

Dr. Pippinger was a good husband, kind hearted, happy and genial. He provided well for his family. He told a good line of stories and loved to tip the bottle although he was never a disgraceful drunkard.

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### Mary E. Hopper (Brown)

Born at Mounds Station Adams County, Illinois October 22, 1847. At the age of five Mary lost her mother and was taken into the home of her oldest brother Harrell. Here she was given a good home and an education.

On reaching young womanhood, she married Milton Brown and established a home on a farm in Shelby County, Missouri given her by her father. In about a year she died, leaving an infant child. Her husband afterward married her sister

*Ana*

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## James T. Hopper family and Descendants Continued

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### Ana Hopper (Brown)

Ana Hopper was born at Mounds Station, Adams Co., Illinois October 22, '852. When she was a little girl less than a year and three months old, Ana's mother died. She was taken into the home of her aunt Rebecca Merritt who along with her good husband raised her and gave her the advantages of a good education.

Ana grew into a fine young woman in the Merritt home and married the widowed husband of her late sister Mary. They moved into the Missouri home on the farm which Father James had given Mary. They afterward moved to Macon, Missouri where three beautiful daughters were raised.

The oldest daughter married a young baker by the name of Charley Oxley.

Ana and Milton died in modest circumstances at an old age.

LANDS OF JAMES T. HOPPER

AND FAMILY

Book G. Page 286: Wm. H. Burr to J. T. Hopper  
Wm. H. Burr, Westport, Conn., Fairfield Co.  
J. T. Hopper, Brown Co., Ill. 3/21/1856

\$3,000.00: Shelby County, Mo.  
640 acres - Whole Section 20  
320 acres - East 1/2 of Section 19  
320 acres - South 1/2 of Section 17  
320 acres - East 1/2 of Section 29

All in T58N, R12W                      Total                      1600 Acres

Book G. Page 494-496: Enoch F. Burr to Jas. Hopper  
10/30/1856

\$3,000.00: Shelby County, Mo.  
Same as above for Wm. H. Burr

Book G. Page 642 & 3: A. E. Beard to James Hopper  
A. E. Beard, Newark, Fairfield Co., Conn.  
James T. Hopper, Shelby Co., Mo. 11/17/1856

\$4,000.00: Shelby Co., Mo.  
640 acres - Section 25  
160 acres - NE 1/4 Section 27

All in T58N, R12W                      Total                      800 Acres

Book G. Page 643 & 644: John C. Carothers to Jas. Hopper  
Both Parties in Shelby Co., Mo. 11/17/1856

\$100.00                      Shelby Co., Mo.  
NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 16

All in T57N, R12W                      Total                      40 Acres

Book G. Page 645 & 646: Daniel Diehl to Solomon Hopper  
All of Shelby Co., Mo. 11/24/1856

\$ 200.00: Shelby Co., Mo.  
29.29 A.-NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sect. 30  
T58N, R12W                      28.29 A.-SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sect. 30

T58N, R12W                      Total                      57.58 Acres

Book G. Page 679: James & Nancy Hopper to John F. Hawkins  
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Shelby Co., Mo.

W 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 19

All in T58N, R12W

Total

40 Acres

Book G. Page 775: James & Nancy Hopper to Samuel S. Merret  
James & Nancy Hopper, Shelby Co., Mo.  
Samuel S. Merret, Adams Co., Ill.  
4/]0/57

\$2,000.00 Shelby Co., Mo.

W 1/2 Section 25

T58N, R12W

S 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 27

T58N, R12W

Total

400 Acres

Book H. Page 396: Solomon Hopper to Wm. J. Robinson  
All of Shelby Co., Mo. ]]/24/]858

\$]00.00: Shelby Co., Mo.

SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 30

All in T58N, R12W

Total

28.29 Acres

Book H. Page 5]]: Solomon Hopper to John B. Willis  
Solomon Hopper, Shelby Co., Mo.  
John B. Willis, Macon Co., Mo. ]]/19/]858

\$]00.00: Shelby Co., Mo.

NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 30

40 Acres

Book I. Page 547: Mortgage release by Enoch Burr  
]0/3]]/]859

Book K. Page 245 & 246: James Hopper to S. C. Hopper  
April 30, ]858

\$].00:

Shelby Co., Mo.

SE 1/4 Section 17 & 3 acres in a square

NE corner NE 1/4 Section 20 and

NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 29

All in T58N, R12W

Total

203 Acres

Book L. Page 600 & 60]: John L. Lathrup Trustee for John M. Forbes,  
John ? and John W. Brooks sold to James Hopper

\$]20.00 Lots 5,6,8 in Block #2, Town of Clarence, Mo.

Book M. Page 275: James Hopper to Rebecca H. Marrett:  
James Hopper, Shelby Co., Mo.  
Rebecca H. Marrett, Adams Co., Ill.  
April 29, 1864

\$10.00 SE 1/4 Section 25  
S 1/2 N 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 27

All in T58N, R12W                      Total                      200 Acres

Book M. Page 276: James Hopper to Amy Hopper  
James Hopper, Shelby Co., Mo.  
Amy Hopper, Adams Co., Ill.  
April 29, 1864

\$10.00 Shelby Co., Mo.  
E 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 20  
SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 29

All in T58N, R12W                      Total                      120 Acres

Book M. Page 284: James Hopper to Samuel Hopper,  
George L. Hopper and Ulices G. Hopper  
All of Shelby Co., Mo.  
April 29, 1864

\$1.00 Shelby Co., Mo.  
NE 1/4 E 1/2 E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4 Sect. 19  
W 1/2 W 1/2 SW 1/4 Section 20  
SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 29  
NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 29

All in T58N, R12W                      Containing                      400 Acres

Gives Nancy and/or James Life Estate

Book P. Page 413: Solomon & Lydia Hopper to Daniel F. Pippinger  
All of Shelby Co., Mo.  
November 19, 1867

\$240.00: Shelby Co., Mo.  
NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 29

All in T58N, R12W                      Total                      40 Acres

Book P. Page 503: Shalmanezor & Emily L. Hopper to  
Pinkney Hopper January 25, 1868

\$250.00: Shelby Co., Mo.  
NW 1/2 W 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 20

All in T58N, R12W                      Total                      40 Acres

Book P. Page 558: John & Clare Swady (Schwader?), and  
Wm. H. Timpe (Timper?) to Solomon Hopper  
All of Shelby Co., Mo.  
November 18, 1867  
\$175.00: Shelby Co., Mo.  
E 1/2 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sect. 27

All in T58N, R12W                      Total                      20 Acres

Pinkney Hopper to James Hopper (in 1868) Book Q, Page 183

Pinkney Hopper to Douglas McAfee (1869) Book Q, Page 370

Shalmanazar Hopper to Pinkney Hopper: (1869) Book Q, Box 37]

James Hopper to Giles West (1869) Book Q, Page 398

In Book S, Pages 461 and 462 in 1860, Harold B., Serena W. ,  
John S., Nancy J. Gillum, and Mary C. Hopper(all named Hopper)  
and Samuel S. and Rebecca H. Marrett deeded to Isaac M. Brown

In Book S, Pages 463 and 464 in 1860, S.C., Lydia, Pinkney,  
Sarah E. Shalmanazer, Emily S. James, Nancy K. and Stephen  
Hopper (all named Hopper) and James H. and Jane B. Pippinger  
deeded to Isaac M. Brown.

James Hopper to Gillum Hopper (1866) Book S, Page 605

Soloman C. Hopper to John H. Lutgending (1870) Book T, Page 38

James Hopper to Soloman C. Hopper (1870) Book T, Page 39.

James and Nancy Hopper to School Twp. 58, R.12 and its  
officers under school law (date-1870) in Book T, Page 96

Pinkney Hopper to Gillum Hopper (1870) in Book T, Page 158

Pinkney Hopper to Gillum Hopper (1871) in Book T, Page 559

Gillum Hopper to James Hopper (1871) in Book T, Page 572

Pinkney Hopper to Henry Wilkey (1872) in Book W, Page 84

Pinkney Hopper to Ana Brown (1873) in Book W, Page 445

Shalmanazer Hopper to Pinkney Hopper (1873) in Book W, Page 441

Isaac M. Brown to Pinkney Hopper (1873) in Book W, Page 442

James & Nancy K. Hopper to J. Scates and Wm. Albright (1873)  
in Book W, Page 462

Solomon C. Hopper to Samuel Crow (1873) in Book W, Page 554

Harrel B. and Serena Hopper to Wm. Booth (]872) Book X, P.20]

Nancy K. Hopper to James Hopper (her husband) in ]873 (Release Dower Interest) in Book X, Page 607

"Agreement" recorded in Book Y, Pages 22], 222 and 223 in ]874 between James Hopper and Nancy K. Hopper, his wife, Daniel Pippinger (the trustee for three minor children) (James Hopper gives to Trustee interest in land and personal property for support, maintenance, and education of his three children, etc.) (In "Agreement", James and Nancy K. Hopper consented and agreed to live separate lives).

Pinkney Hopper to John H. Lutgerding (]875), Book Z, Page 3]9

Shalley and Emily Hopper to Pinkney, Gillum, and Stephen P. Hopper, Trustees, (Cemetery Deed) in ]874 in Book 27, Page 49.

James Hopper to Gillum Hopper (]876) in Book 27, Page 6]

Stephen B. Hopper to Geo. W. Riley (]876) in Book 27, P. ]43

S. P. Hopper to James Riley (]877) in Book 27, Page 272

S. C. Hopper to J. F. Amick (]878) in Book 27, Page 550

James Hopper to Shalley Hopper (]879) in Book 29, Page 39

S. C. Hopper to John Clark (]878) in Book 30, Page 74

S. C. Hopper to J. F. Amick (]878) in Book 30, Page 92

P. Hopper to Geo. Riley (]878) in Book 30, Page 87

J. L. Hopper to J. B. Melson (]879) Book 30, Page ]88 and  
J. L. Hopper to E. Speck, Book 30, Page 527

"Sheriff's Deed in Partition": Pinkney Hopper was petitioner against George L. Hopper, Samuel M. Hopper and Ulyses S. C. Hopper, Defendants, for partition of land. (George L., Samuel M. and Ulyses S. C. Hopper are children of James and Nancy K. Hopper). This deed was made in ]875 and recorded in Book 26, on Pages ]50, ]5] and ]52.

OBITUARY OF JAMES TOWNSEND HOPPER

son of GILLUM HOPPER (1776-1848)

Born June 20, 1806, died Dec. 1, 1880

Obituary of Mr. James Hopper, an old citizen of this neighborhood and well known by many old settlers in this vicinity, died at Clarence, Missouri, Dec. 1, 1880, after being confined to his bed for three months.

He was born June 20, 1806, in Claiborne County, Tennessee, and while a lad was removed to Warren County, Tennessee, where he matured to manhood. In June, 1828, he was married to Miss Drucilla Byars, of the same county. In November, 1839, he moved to Adams County, Illinois. October 7, 1853, his wife Drucilla died leaving eleven children and husband to mourn their loss. Two infant children passed on previous to the mother; seven sons and four daughters were with the mother to bid her adieu.

In 1854 he was married to Nancy K. Burk, this being his second marriage. The fruits of this union being three sons. April 15, 1856, he moved to Shelby County, Missouri, where he lived the remainder of his days.

Twelve of his children were present to see the dear father laid away to await the first resurrection over which the second death shall have no power.



WILL OF JAMES HOPPER

I, James Hopper of the County of Shelby and State of Missouri, being of sound mind, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.

1st. I give and bequeath to my three sons, Samuel M. Hopper, George L. Hopper and Ulysses S.G. Hopper each the sum of one dollar.

2nd. I give and bequeath all the remainder of my estate both real and personal of which I may die possessed in equal portions to my seven sons, Harrold B. Hopper, John L. Hopper, Solomon C. Hopper, Pinkney Hopper, Gillum Hopper, Shalenawezzer Hopper and Stephen P. Hopper, and my three daughters, Rebecca Manett, wife of G. S. Mannett, Jane B. Pippinger, wife of James H. Pippinger and Ana Brown, wife of I. M. Brown, share and share alike, subject to the payment of all my just debts and my funeral expenses and the expenses of administering my estate.

3rd. I hereby appoint my two sons Solomon C. Hopper and Stephen P. Hopper, Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I hereby authorize and direct my said executors to sell and dispose of all of my estate both real and personal at public or private sale as they may deem best and to make deeds of conveyance to the real estate to the purchasers thereof and to collect all money due me, and after paying the legacies aforesaid and all the just debts and my funeral expenses and the expenses of administering my estate to divide the remainder of the proceeds thereof equally between my sons Harrold B., John L., Solomon C., Pinkney, Gillum, Shalenawezzer and Stephen P., and my daughters Rebecca Manett, Jane B. Pippinger, and Ana Brown, share and share alike.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this Seventh Day of September A.D. 1878.

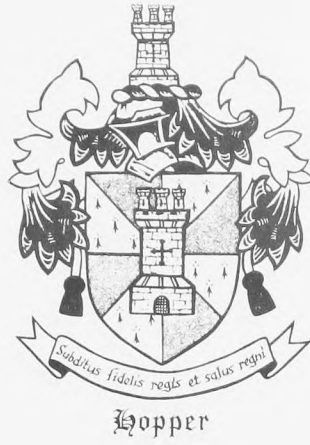
James Hopper

Signed and declared by the above named James Hopper to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

C. S. Brown of Clarence, Mo.

Jas. M. Matteson of Clarence, Mo.

FAMILY GROUP No. <u>3</u>		Husband's Full Name <u>Stephen Peter Hopper</u>					
This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
<u>Family Bible and members of the family</u>		Birth	<u>22 July 1850</u>	<u>Mounds Station Adams Co. Illinois</u>			
		Chr <sup>nd</sup>					
		Mar.	<u>18 Sept. 1870</u>	<u>Shelby Co. Missouri</u>			
		Death	<u>31 July 1933</u>	<u>Livingston Co. Missouri</u>			
		Burial		<u>Edgewood Cemetery Chillicothe, Missouri</u>			
Places of Residence		<u>Adams Co. Ill., Shelby and Livingston Co. Missouri</u>					
Occupation		<u>Business man</u>					
Church Affiliation		<u>Methodist</u>					
Military Rec.							
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.		<u>Farmer</u>					
His Father		<u>James Townsend Hopper</u>			Mother's Maiden Name		<u>Drucilla Byars</u>
Wife's Full Maiden Name		<u>Mary Etta Riley</u>					
Wife's Date		Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife	
Birth		<u>14 April 1853</u>	<u>Delphos, Ohio</u>				
Chr <sup>nd</sup>							
Death		<u>3rd May 1925</u>	<u>Livingston Co. Missouri</u>				
Burial			<u>Edgewood Cemetery Chillicothe, Mo.</u>				
Places of Residence		<u>Ohio, Shelby and Livingston Co. Mo.</u>					
Compiler <u>Otha J. Hopper</u>		Occupation if other than Housewife		Church Affiliation			
Address <u>Route # 1 Box 614</u>							
City, State <u>Springfield, Mo</u>		Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.					
Date <u>July 1980</u>		Her Father <u>Leslie Peacock Riley</u>		Mother's Maiden Name <u>Susana K. Cupp</u>			
Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<u>Otha A. Hopper</u>	Birth	<u>15 Aug. 1872</u>	<u>Near Clarence, Shelby Co. Mo.</u>			
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death	<u>12 Sept 1873</u>	<u>Diphtheria</u>			
		Burial					
2	<u>Letta Hopper</u>	Birth	<u>11 Nov. 1873</u>	<u>Near Clarence, Shelby Co. Mo.</u>			
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death	<u>17 Oct. 1875</u>	<u>Diphtheria</u>			
		Burial					
3	<u>Rozenna Hopper</u>	Birth	<u>13 July 1875</u>	<u>Clarence, Shelby Co. Mo.</u>			
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
	<u>Albert Collins</u>	Death	<u>1935</u>	<u>Gervais Oregon</u>			
		Burial					
4	<u>Daisy Ann Hopper</u>	Birth	<u>16 Feb 1877</u>	<u>Clarence, Missouri</u>			
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
	<u>Clifford Craig</u>	Death	<u>14 Mch. 1967</u>	<u>Los Angeles, California</u>			<u>2nd husband</u>
		Burial					<u>Dutton</u>
5	<u>James Leslie Wilber Hopper</u>	Birth	<u>9 Nov. 1878</u>	<u>Shelby Co. Mo.</u>			<u>A medical</u>
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	<u>6 June 1906</u>	<u>Livingston Co. Missouri</u>			<u>doctor and</u>
	<u>Hester Lair</u>	Death	<u>7 June 1932</u>	<u>Livingston Co. Missouri</u>			<u>surgeon</u>
		Burial		<u>Edgewood Cemetery Chillicothe, Mo.</u>			<u>Jt. Scott, Kansas</u>
6	<u>Jesse Sanders Hopper</u>	Birth	<u>10 Sept. 1880</u>	<u>Shelby Co. Missouri</u>			
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	<u>8 Mch. 1905</u>	<u>Chillicothe, Missouri</u>			
	<u>Addie Caroline Price</u>	Death	<u>21 Mch. 1967</u>	<u>Chillicothe, Mo.</u>			
		Burial		<u>Edgewood Cemetery Chillicothe, Mo.</u>			
7		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
8		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
9		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
10		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					



*Stephen Peter Hopper 1850-1933*



*Stephen Peter Hopper Family*

*Bottom Row:*

*Stephen Peter Hopper 1850-1933    Mary Etta Riley Hopper 1853-1925    Rozenna Hopper Collins 1898-1935    Al Collins*

*Top Row:*

*James Leslie Wilber Hopper 1878-1932    Daisy Ann Hopper Dutton 1877-1967    Jesse Sanders Hopper 1880-1967*

Stephen Peter Hopper (1850-1933)

Stephen Peter Hopper was born near Mounds Station (Clayton) Adams County, Illinois.

He was the youngest of 12 children of James T. Hopper (1806-1880) who was born near McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee and Drucilla Byers (1811-1853). The family had moved from Tennessee to Illinois in 1835. By 1856, James T. Hopper owned 520 acres of good Illinois land. That year he divided a portion of the land and gave it to his older sons, sold the balance and purchased a total of 2,440 acres in Shelby County, Missouri. He moved with his second wife and the smaller children to Shelby County, Missouri in 1859. They settled near the town of Clarence, Missouri. Here he gave land for a school, a church and a cemetery.

Five of the sons of James T. Hopper served during the Civil War in the Union Army and all returned to live normal lives.

In 1870 the 18th of September, Stephen Peter Hopper, the youngest son of James T. and Drucilla Hopper, married Mary E. Riley (1853-1925) of Macon County, Missouri. She was born near Delphos, Ohio in Allen County. Her father was Leslie Peacock Riley (1827-1891), a Civil War veteran and a farmer born in New Jersey. Her mother was Susan Cupp (1830-1891) of German descent, born in Virginia.

In 1882 the Stephen Peter Hopper family purchased a farm eight miles Northeast of Chillicothe in Rich Hill township. The dwelling house sat on the divide between the water sheds of Medicine Creek on the East and the East fork of Grand River on the West. By this time the family consisted of the parents and four children: Rose (1875-1936) wife of A. L. Collins; Daisy (1877-1967) a registered nurse and wife of Dr. C. C. Dutton a dentist in St. Joseph, Missouri. They lived also in Gulfport, Mississippi and she died in California; Dr. Wilber L. (1878-1932) an M.D. and surgeon in Ft. Scott, Kansas; Jesse S., a prominent livestock farmer in Livingston County.

In 1886 the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul rail road built a rail line through the Stephen P. Hopper farm cutting thirty acres off the Northwest corner. With the help of W. E. Gunby, this thirty acres was surveyed and laid out as a town. The rail road supplied the name, Sturges, and built a depot, stock yards, switch track, section house and a granary. Mr. Hopper then put up a building for a store which was opened in partnership with a Mr. Cal Tracy. In addition to his farm, and interest in the store, he bought and sold grain, apples and hay, had an interest in the Sturges Exchange Bank and in a feed mill in Chula, Missouri. He was also President of the Exchange Bank of Chula, Chula, Mo. for a while.

Stephen Peter Hopper lived in his Livingston County home until the age of eighty three. He took great pride in his family, farm and community. He was known and respected for his honesty in business, integrity and industry. He was a leader among men.

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#### S.P. HOPPER OBITUARY

Just after the sun started upon its downward course in the western horizon, Death, a familiar but unbidden guest, opened the gates of Eternity and fled with the spirit of a very dearly beloved Father, S.P. Hopper, revealing to him the mysteries of immortality.

Stephen P. Hopper was born July 22nd, 1850, at Mound Station, Adams County, Illinois, and departed this life July 31st, 1933, aged 83 years, nine days. At the age of 5 years, his parents moved to Shelby county, Missouri where he grew to manhood.

He was united in marriage with Mary E. Riley, Sept. 18, 1870 in Shelby county, Missouri. To this union the following children were born: Otho A., Lettie G., Rose E., Daisy A., Wilbur L. and Jesse S.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hopper came to Livingston county, Missouri in June 1882, settling on the farm where he resided at the time of his death, having been a continuous resident of this community for more than fifty (50) years, being preceded in death by his wife, eight years ago.

He leaves to mourn their loss three children, Rose E. Collins, Gervios, Oregon; Daisy A. Dutton, St. Joseph, Mo., and Jesse S. Hopper, Sturges, Mo., besides nine grandchildren, and many other relatives and a host of friends.

Mr. Hopper has been a very successful farmer and stockman in this community for some 50 years. Six years after purchasing his farm the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway built their line through cutting off a portion of the farm which became the present site of Sturges. Here he built and for many years operated the first general store. Later he engaged in the commission business, being an active dealer in apples, grain and hay at one time managing several elevators on the C.M. & St. Paul Railway, being one of the largest shippers on the division.

Obituary of S. P. Hopper continued

For many years he engaged actively in the banking business, being president and stockholder in the Exchange Bank of Chula, Missouri, at the same time being connected with a mill at that place. Retiring from public life some years ago on account of failing health, he has devoted the last few years of his life to his farming interests.

He was a devoted husband and father. He loved his home and took a great interest in the affairs of the community. He made many friends both in business and social life. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than himself. He was loved by all who knew him.

We shall miss his kind smile and cheerful greetings but are thankful for a memory of a life of unselfish service. The beautiful example of his life and the inspiration it gave is a rich heritage to those of us who are left to mourn his going. The patience and sweetness with which he bore his sufferings, knowing death was inevitable, reveals to us the fact that there is a Heavenly Father and that he has a place prepared for all those who faithfully served him. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

"Trust in God through all thy days,  
Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand,  
He knows the way, He holds the key,  
He guides us with unerring hand,  
Sometime, somewhere, we'll understand."

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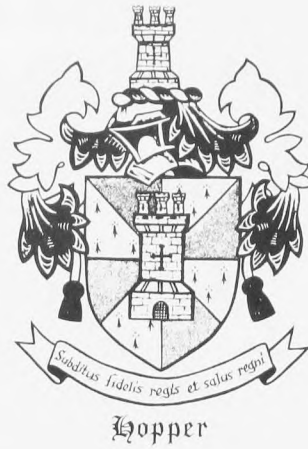
FAMILY GROUP No. 4		Husband's Full Name		Jesse Sanders Hopper					
This Information Obtained From:		Birth	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Family records and etc.		Birth	10	Sept.	1880	Clarence Shelby Co.	Missouri		
		Chr'd							
		Mar.	8	March	1905	Chillicothe,	Missouri		
		Death	21	Nov.	1967	Livingston Co.	Mo.		
		Burial				Edgewood Cemetery	Chillicothe, Mo.		
		Places of Residence	Shelby and Livingston Counties Mo.						
		Occupation	Farmer		Church Affiliation		Methodist		
		Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.	None						
		His Father	Stephen Peter Hopper			Mother's Maiden Name		Mary Etta Riley	
		Wife's Full Maiden Name	Addie Caroline Price						
		Birth	14	April	1883	Livingston Co.	Missouri		
		Chr'd							
		Death	17	Aug.	1948	Chillicothe,	Missouri		
		Burial				Edgewood Cemetery	Chillicothe, Mo.		
Compiler Otha J. Hopper		Places of Residence	Livingston Co. Missouri						
Address Route # 1 Box 614		Occupation if other than Housewife			Church Affiliation		Methodist		
City, State Springfield, Mo		Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.	None						
Date 1980		Her Father	Aaron Price 1856 1899			Mother's Maiden Name		Kathleen Young 1858-	
Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Otha Jess Hopper	Birth	19	Jan.	1906	Livingston Co	Missouri		B.S. Degree Univ. of Mo.
	Full Name of Spouse* Hazel Lee Wilson	Mar.	23	Sept.	1933 and 18 June 1944				M.S. Degree K. St. Univ.
	Opal Viola Appleby	Death							
		Burial							
2	Leo Price Hopper	Birth	16	Feb.	1908	Livingston Co.	Missouri		B.S. Degree Univ. of Mo.
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	Juanita Marie Hopper	Birth	3	Jan.	1912	Livingston Co.	Missouri		B.S. Home Economics Univ. of Mo.
	Full Name of Spouse* Wendel C. Womble	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	Erma Katherine Hopper	Birth	5	July	1914	Livingston Co.	Missouri		B.S. Education Kirksville Missouri
	Full Name of Spouse* Earl McConkle	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
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	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
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	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
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		Death							
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*John Sandeja Hopper 1880-1967*



*Top Row Left to right :*

*Juanita Marie Hopper Womble*

*Leo Price Hopper*

*Otha Jess Hopper*

*Erma Katherine Hopper McCorkle*

*Bottom Row Left to right :*

*Jesse Sanders Hopper*

*Addie Caroline Price Hopper*

## JESSE SANDERS HOPPER (1880-1967)

Jesse Sanders Hopper was born in Shelby County, Missouri September 10, 1880. He was the youngest son of Stephen Peter Hopper (1850-1933) and Mary E. Riley Hopper (1853-1925). In 1882 he moved with his parents and brother and sisters to a farm in Rich Hill township Livingston County, Missouri. Here he grew up and attended the McCormic School. As a young man he played an instrument in the Chula Band which gave concerts at Fairs and community gatherings. After attending the Chillicothe Normal School he taught in the Livingston County rural school system for one year.

In 1905 J. S. Hopper, as he is best known, married Addie C. Price (1883-1945), daughter of Aaron Price (1855-1889) born in Boyle County, Kentucky, and Katherine Young (1858-1904) born in LaCross, Wisconsin. Katherine's father, Peter Young (1833-1907) was born in Lorraine, France. Her mother was Francis Konrad (1831-1870) born in Alsace Lorraine.

The Youngs came to Livingston County in 1867 and located on a farm in the Pleasant Grove neighborhood. Later they moved to Chillicothe where Mr. Young operated a farm implement business at the present location of the Strand Hotel.

Addie Price Hopper attended the Butler rural school and Chillicothe High School. At the time of her marriage, she worked in the New York store. As both her parents and older sister had passed away, she was left with the care and responsibility of her young brother Archie.

After their marriage, J. S. and Addie Price Hopper purchased a farm near that of his father's which they improved and on which they raised their family. Here they lived the remainder of their lives. Their children were Otha J., 1906, of rural Greene County, Missouri; Leo P., 1908 on the farm where he was born; Juanita M., wife of W. C. Wombles of near Chula, Missouri and Emma K. wife of Earl McCorkle of Excelsior Springs, Missouri. All four children are college or University graduates.

J. S. Hopper farmed all of his life. In 1930 his success and achievements were recognized by being given a Master Farmer Award by the Missouri Ruralist. He was a charter member of the Livingston County Farm Bureau. He was a member of the board of the Farmers Electric Co-op for twenty three years and served as president for a portion of that time.

After living a life of dedication and service to her family and community, Addie Price Hopper passed away 17 August 1943 and was buried in the Edgewood Cemetery at Chillicothe, Missouri





*The Master Farmer  
Jesse S. Hopper 1930*



JESSE SANDERS HOPPER continued:

In the early 1950's he married Maud Collins Beazel of Chillicothe, Missouri, the mother of Dorothy Beeler, Houston, Texas; Francis Barrett, Chillicothe, Mo.; and Gladys Carothers of St. Joseph, Missouri.

The Hopper family was active in the Centenary Methodist church of Chillicothe.

The family burial plots are in the Engewood Cemetery of Chillicothe, Missouri.

Jesse S. Hopper grew up and lived during a time when honesty, hard work and integrity were considered the characteristics of a good man and he possessed these qualities. He was known and respected for his progressive ideas and leadership ability. He was a power for good in his community.



FAMILY GROUP No. 5 Husband's Full Name Otha Jess Hopper

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
	Birth	19	Jan.	1906	Rich Hill Township	Livingston Co.	Missouri	
	Chr'd				Member of United St. Paul Methodist Church			
	Mar.	23	Sept.	1933	Laclede Mo.	Linn Co.	Missouri	
	Death							
	Burial							

Places of Residence Livingston, Knox and Greene Counties in Missouri  
 Occupation Sales Man. Church Affiliation Methodist Military Rec. R.O.T.C.  
 Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Opal Viola Appleby June 18 1944 Springfield, Mo.  
 Make separate sheet for each mar.  
 His Father Jesse Sanders Hopper Mother's Maiden Name Addie Caroline Price

Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	21	Feb.	1908	Near Linneus	Linn Co.	Missouri	
Chr'd				Member of Methodist Church			
Death	8	Nov.	1941	Brookfield	Missouri		
Burial	10	Nov.	1941	Laclede	Missouri	Cemetery	

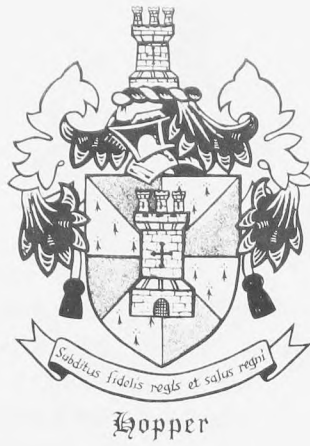
Compiler Otha J. Hopper Places of Residence Linn Co. Missouri Springfield, Mo.  
 Address Route # 1 Box 614 Occupation if other than Housewife Dem. Agent Church Affiliation Methodist  
 City, State Springfield, Mo. Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. None  
 Make separate sheet for each mar.  
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Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<u>Stephen Lee Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>Jay Wade</u>	Birth	13	Aug.	1934	Brookfield, Mo.	Linn Co.		
		Mar.	25	Feb.	1956				
		Death							
		Burial							
2	<u>Emilov Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>Ted Bryan</u>	Birth	15	Oct.	1935	Springfield, Mo.	Greene Co.		
		Mar.	9	Aug.	1956				
		Death							
		Burial							
3	<u>David Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	31	Aug.	1938	Springfield, Missouri			
		Mar.							
		Death	19	July	1952				
		Burial			Laclede, Mo.				
4	<u>Jean Marie Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>James Wilson</u>	Birth	6	June	1940	Springfield, Missouri			
		Mar.	10	Feb.	1961				
		Death							
		Burial							
5	<u>Mary Lynne Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>Lt. Col Chas. Owen</u>	Birth	31	Oct.	1941	Brookfield, Mo.	Linn County		
		Mar.	13	Aug.	1961				
		Death							
		Burial							
6	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
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*Otha Jess Hopper Jan. 19, 1906 Son of Jesse Sanders Hopper  
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OTHA JESS HOPPER, 1906;

Otha Jess Hopper born January 19, 1906 near the town of Sturges, Missouri, eight miles Northeast of Chillicothe. His parents were Jesse Sanders (J.S.) Hopper (1880-1967), and Addie Caroline Price (1883-1943). He grew up on his father's farm with his brother Leo and sisters Juanita and Erma. He graduated from the Maple Grove rural school and the Chula High School. In 1929 he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Missouri at Columbia, Missouri. The following year he received a Master of Science degree from the Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas. Here he was invited into the membership of Gamma Sigma Delta the National Honor Society of Agriculture.

After completing his education, Mr. Hopper was employed by the Missouri Agricultural Extension Service to serve as a County Agent in Knox County, Missouri. While doing Extension work, he met and married in 1933 Hazel Lee Wilson (1907-1941) of Linn County, Missouri who was at that time Home Demonstration Agent in Ralls County, Missouri. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hopper moved to Springfield, Missouri where he worked for six years as a Real Estate Field Representative for the Federal Land Bank of St. Louis, and for five years as Corporation Fieldman for the Production Credit Corporation of St. Louis.

In 1941 Hazel Hopper passed away, leaving five small children.

On June 18, 1944, Otha Jess Hopper and Opal Viola Appleby of rural Greene County, were married. Soon after they gave up their professional careers and for the sake of the children, moved back to the Livingston County farm and went into partnership with Brother Leo and Father Jesse S. Hopper. Together they farmed and pastured thirteen hundred acres of land and raised and fed hogs and cattle.

At the end of fifteen years on the farm, the children were almost grown and Stephen Lee Hopper, the oldest son, was returning from Korea and wanted to farm so he was given the opportunity to purchase a portion of his father's farm.

During the period while on the farm Mr. Hopper (O.J.) as he was known, was State President of the Missouri Flying Farmers in 1953; he was a charter member of The Missouri Pilots Association; President of the Livingston County Farm Bureau; Vice President of the St. Joseph Producers Livestock Commission Company and served a year as a member of the State Five Member Advisory Committee for the Farmers Home Administration.

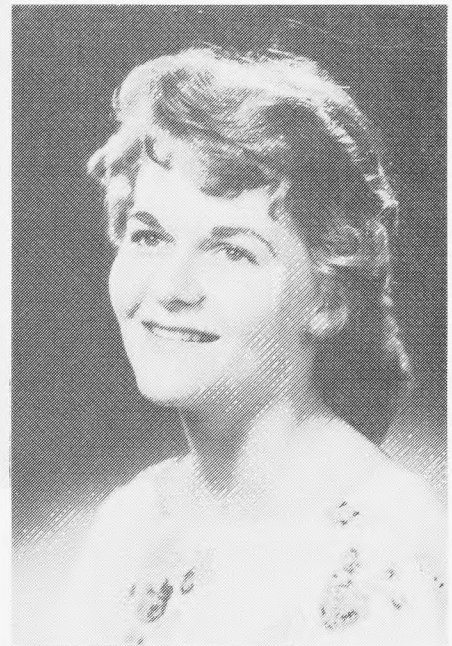




*Jean Marie Hopper*  
6 June 1940



*Emilou Hopper*  
15 Oct. 1935



*Mary Lynne Hopper*  
31 Oct. 1941

*Father Otha Jess Hopper*  
Jan. 19, 1906

*Great, Great, Great Grandfather Gilliam Hopper*  
17 Oct. 1776--27 May 1848



Otha Jess Hopper continued

In 1958 Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hopper left the farm and after one year in Raytown, Missouri, moved to Springfield. They had purchased a half interest in a large farm on Sac River in 1956.

1960 to 1977 Mr. Hopper spent his time in Southwest Missouri in the fertilizer business. He worked for the Monsanto Chemical Company as a sales manager and plant food consultant and later as an owner of one half interest in a fertilizer plant.

In February 1977 he sold his interest in the fertilizer business and returned to the farm full time, North of Springfield, Missouri where he and Mrs. Hopper now reside.

The family now consists of:

Stephen Lee Hopper, wife Fay Wade Hopper, and five children, Route 5, Chillicothe, Mo.

Ermilou Hopper Bryan, husband Ted Bryan, and three children, Naperville, Illinois.

Jean Marie Hopper Wilson, husband James Wilson and two sons, Springfield, Mo.

Mary Lynne Hopper Owen, husband Lt. Col. Chas. Owen, Ft. Lee, Virginia. One son and one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hopper are members of the St. Paul United Methodist Church of Springfield and have endeavored to live according to the principles of honesty and integrity exemplified by their parents.

*Charles Sherman Owen*

*Born 31 October 1938 in Springfield, Missouri*

*Parents : Charles Oscar Owen and Martha Allene (Stevenson) Owen*

*Graduated from the Republic Missouri High School in 1956*

*Worked as a Rail Road Station Agent at different stations on the Frisco line until January 1957. Then worked one year for Boeing Aircraft Company, in Wichita, Kansas.*

*Married Mary Lynne Hopper 13 August 1961*

*Graduated from the Southwest Missouri State University in 1962 as a Distinguished Military Graduate and received a Reserve Commission as a 2ed Lieutenant.*

*Reported to active duty January 1963 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma for Basic Artillery Officers Training. Served in Germany 1963 to 1966. He was promoted to rank of Captain and sent to Vietnam in 1967 assigned to Ordnance Advisory Division as an advisor to the Vietnamese Army. He was awarded The Bronze Star Metal for Meritorious Service while in Vietnam and returned home January 1968.*

*The next assignment was Fort Benning, Georgia and there was given the opportunity to attend the University of Georgia to work toward a M.B.A. In 1970 he graduated with the M.B.A. and was promoted to the rank of Major.*

*In April 1973 he was sent to Okinawa Japan as Field Team Chief for Computer Systems Command. His family consisting of Mary Lynne, his wife, Charles Russell his son and Kathleen his daughter accompanied him on this tour of duty.*

*The next assignment after the period in Japan was Fort Lee Virginia to the Army Logistics Center and in March 1979 Charles Sherman Owen was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Army of the United States of America.*



*Mary Lynne Hopper Owen*

*Born 31 October 1941 in Brookfield, Missouri*

*Parents : Otha Jess Hopper and Hazel Lee (Wilson ) Hopper*

*Graduated from the Parkview High School Springfield, Missouri*

*Earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the Southwest State University Springfield, Missouri in Secondary Education majoring in English with a Minor in French.*

*Married Charles Sherman Owen 13 August 1961*

*Has been stationed with her husband in Germany, Okinawa, Japan and Forts Benning, Lee and Leavenworth in the U.S.A. Also they have visited Italy, Austria, Thailand, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Taiwan, China, Malaysia and France.*

*Work experience as a teacher has been in Kindergarten and High School English and French. She has also served as Girl Scout Troop and Youth Group Leader in her Church*

*Charles Russell Owen born 2 January 1967 in Springfield, Missouri He has attended schools in Okinawa, Japan; Colorado, Kansas and Virginia. Currently is in the 9th grade and is an A- student, active in Boy Scouts, Church Youth Group and School band. He plans to direct his education toward becoming a Medical doctor.*

*Kathleen Marie Owen born 17 March 1969 at Fort Benning Georgia. She has attended school in Okinawa, Japan; Colorado, Kansas and Virginia. She is currently in the 6th grade and is an A- student. She is also active in Girl Scouts and the Church Youth Group.*

*William Ted Bryan*

*Born: 1 October 1927 Birmingham, Alabama*

*Parents: William Hugh Bryan and Blanche Estelle Clancy*

*Education: Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering University of Alabama 1951  
Master of Science Harvard University 1952*

*Married Emilou Hopper Springfield, Missouri 9 August 1956*

*U.S. Army: January 1946 to June 1947*

*Attended Signal Corps School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey for nine months and then maintained Carrier Equipment ( Long distance telephone and telegraph ) at Tokyo Japan wire center for six months.*

*Work Experience:*

*U.S. Steel Summer of 1948*

*G.A. Jones Construction Company Summer of 1949 As Junior Engineer in construction of Birmingham City Hall.*

*Walton Construction Company Summer of 1950. Chief of Survey Party on Highway Construction in Florida.*

*Frisco Railway - 1951-1954.*

*Finished training program in 1954*

*1955 Assistant Train Master Eastern Division*

*January 1956 to December 1957 Terminal Train Master Memphis Tennessee*

*January 1958 to March 1961 Director of Industrial Engineering*

*April 1961 to August 1965 Division Superintendent Enid, Oklahoma*

*September 1965 to April 1969 Terminal Superintendent Tulsa, Oklahoma*

*Santa Fe Railway: May 1969 to 1981*

*May 1969 to April 1970 Assistant to General Manager Mechanical Dept.*

*May 1970 to December 1978 Manager Industrial Engineering*

*January 1979 to Present - Senior Assistant-Staff Studies and Planning*

*Chairman of the Service Reliability Committee*

*Chairman of the Branch-Line Committee*

*Emilou Hopper Bryan*

*Born 15 October 1935 in Springfield, Missouri*

*Parents : Otha Jess Hopper and Hazel Lee Wilson Hopper*

*Graduate from Drury College Springfield, Missouri*

*Earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education*

*Married William Ted Bryan 9 August 1956*

*Places of residence; Missouri, Oklahoma, Illinois*

*Her church work, family and music teaching take up most of her time.*

*Children:*

*William (Bill) Bryan born 17 November 1961 in Springfield, Mo. Bill has always been a good student and enjoyed his participation in foot ball, basket ball, and base ball while in high school . His honors included being listed as an Illinois State Scholar and being selected to be in the "Who's, Who among American High School Students (197980) At present he is enrolled in the Engineering School at the University of Illinois.*

*J.E.B. (Jeb) Bryan born 11 November 1965.*

*Jeb earned several Certificates of Achievement while in Junior High and is now on the Honor Roll during his first semester in High School.*

*Rebecca ( Becky ) Bryan born 16 December 1970 in Naperville, Illinois*

*Becky is a young lady with many interests including gymnastics, horse back riding, piano playing, clarinet and flute.*

## *James Richard Wilson*

*James Richard Wilson was born January 25, 1938 to Joe L. and Nellene Ballinger Wilson in Springfield, Missouri. Other children include a brother Freddie Joe born July 17, 1937 and one younger brother John David born September 22, 1948.*

*Joe L. Wilson was employed by the Shell Pipe Line Company and the family lived in several small Missouri communities before moving to Richland, Missouri where James received his elementary education in grades one through five. In 1952 the family returned to Mr. Wilson's birth place, Pleasant Hope, Missouri. Here James completed his elementary and secondary education graduating in 1956. He entered Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri the following year. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Education in 1960. During his college years he was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma social fraternity and the Industrial Club. He was also employed with Sears Roebuck and Company in the local store where he met his future wife Jean Marie Hopper.*

*After his graduation in 1960 James was employed by the Saint Louis San Francisco Rail Way in Springfield, Missouri as a special apprentice involving all aspects of operation and maintenance of diesel locomotives. On completion of his training he was promoted to several supervisory positions and presently is Superintendent of the Consolidated Car Shops in Springfield, Missouri.*

*The job positions held were as follows:*

<i>Supervisor of Wheel Shop</i>	<i>----</i>	<i>January 1965 through March 1968</i>
<i>Asst. Gen. Car Foreman</i>	<i>----</i>	<i>April 1968 through November 1969</i>
<i>General Car Foreman</i>	<i>----</i>	<i>December 1969 through September 1972</i>
<i>Asst. Supt. Car Department</i>	<i>----</i>	<i>October 1972 through April 1974</i>
<i>Supt. of Field Car Maintenance</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>May 1974 through December 1977</i>
<i>Supt. Consolidated Car Shops</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>January 1978 until the present time</i>

*The Saint Louis San Francisco and the Burlington Great Northern systems are now merged into one of the largest rail way systems in the United States.*

*James Richard Wilson*

*While filling the above positions James attended several training sessions including diesel engine classes at Electro Motive Division Le Grange, Illinois. Also Air Brake classes at Westinghouse Air Brake Co. Milmerding, Pennsylvania. He has been chairman of committees on both the Car Department Officers Association and Southwest Rail Way Club.*

*James Richard Wilson and Jean Marie Hopper Hopper were married on February 10, 1961. They have two sons, Christopher James Wilson born December 11, 1965 and Shannon James Wilson born July 16, 1968. The family lives on an acreage in the Springfield Missouri area. Jean owns and operates a Speciality Advertising business and the family members enjoy raising and showing Arabian horses. The many ribbons and trophies won attest to the success and satisfaction received in this venture. Cris and Shan, as the boys are best known, have earned the reputation of being among the best young horsemen and showmen in Southwest Missouri.*





*Leo Price Hopper 1930*

*At home after a trip to Italy, Spain and North Africa*





LEO PRICE HOPPER, SECOND CHILD OF JESSE SANDERS HOPPER  
AND ADDIE PRICE HOPPER

He was born February 16, 1908 on the farm that his parents had purchased a short time before. During his fourth year he nearly lost his life as a result of being ill with diphtheria. At the age of five he started to school in the Maple Grove district a mile and one half from home and walked to and from school every day. After finishing grade school he attended the Chula High School three and one half miles away. He and his brother Otha drove a horse to a buggy in the beginning and later walked part time. He was better than the average student but too small to excel in athletics. After high school he attended the University of Missouri at Columbia where he majored in Animal Husbandry. He represented the University as a member of both the Livestock and Meat Judging Teams and judged both at the Kansas City Royal Livestock Show and at the International Live Stock Show in Chicago. He was also active in student affairs including the wrestling squad, Burrell Bible Class and Ag. Club activities. He was a member of Farm House, Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta. In 1929 he graduated as a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

Two months in the fall of 1929 were spent helping take a train load of about 1,200 mules from St. Louis by rail to Norfolk, Virginia and then on an Italian freighter to Barcelona, Spain. The ship went into dry dock at Genoa, Italy, the home port. So for two weeks he was free to travel. The cities visited included Pisa, Rome, Naples, Florence and Milan. By this time it became necessary to return to the ship for the return trip. Before leaving the Mediterranean area the ship docked at Algiers, Africa to take on coal.

On his return, Leo went in partnership with his father and grandfather. This partnership raised hogs, cattle and horses and grew corn, oats and hay for feed.

This was a difficult time to begin farming. The great Depression was at its worse, local banks failed, the hogs died of cholera and the cow herd was found to have Brucellosis. If this was not enough, the droughts of 1934 and 1936 almost set them back to where they started. By 1938 the first tractors came into the neighborhood to be used to any great extent and a used McCormick-Deering on steel wheels was purchased for the farm operation. This was needed especially to plow the heavy "Gumbo" clay bottom land. Prior to this time, Leo and the hired man had been plowing with two nine-horse hitches to used converted tractor plows.

In 1944 Brother Otha joined the partnership. Additional land was purchased and in all a total of 1,300 acres was put together. The crop acreage was increased with alfalfa, corn

Leo Price Hopper continued

wheat, oats and soybeans being the principal crops along with cows, calves, hogs and fat cattle.

In 1953 Leo moved to a house he had purchased with land one and a half miles South of Sturges.

In 1967 he suffered a severe auto accident. He was unconscious for five days, hospitalized for a month and on crutches for six months.

By 1968 Jesse S. Hopper had passed away and Otha J. Hopper had returned to the Springfield, Missouri area. Leo then went into partnership with his nephew Stephen Hopper. His mother had passed away in 1943. He then moved back to the home place which was more centrally located for the rest of the farm operation.

As the years passed, Leo had been buying more land as it came on the market and by 1980 he owned a total of 1,909 acres all free of debt. Much of the land was thin, upland and overflow bottom land. All has been cleaned up, improved and put back into production and is much better than at the time he purchased it.

Leo has been active in community life, having served as a member of the County Extension Council and the County Farm and Home Committee. He was a project leader in 4-H beef and rock projects for ten years. A charter member of the local Historical Society which now maintains a museum a life member of the Missouri Archaeological Society; a long time member of the State Historical Society, and in 1976 he was a member of the Livingston County Bi-Centennial Committee. This committee published a history of the farm families whose members had been in the county for a hundred years or more.

He is a "Rock Hound" doing cutting and polishing of semi-precious stones. This hobby has taken him to most of the states in the United States and in addition he has made boat trips down the Colorado and the Salmon rivers. Other trips have been made to Alaska, Hawaii, Central America, Australia and New Zealand.

At the age of seventy-three, he is still very active in farming, performing all of the physical, management and duties required, although, as he says, a little slower than during former years.

FAMILY GROUP No. 6

Husband's Full Name

Stephen Lee Hopper

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	13	Aug.	1934	Brookfield	Linn	Missouri	
Chr <sup>nd</sup>							
Mar.	25	Feb.	1956		Boone County	Missouri	
Death							
Burial							

Family Records

Places of Residence	Missouri U.S.A., Korea, Japan
Occupation	Farmer
Church Affiliation	Methodist
Military Rec.	Sgt. 1st Cl.
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.	

His Father Otha Jess Hopper Mother's Maiden Name Hazel Lee WilsonWife's Full Maiden Name Indras Jay Wade

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	24	Nov.	1936	Woodlandville	Boone Co., Mo.		
Chr <sup>nd</sup>							
Death							
Burial							

Compiler Otha Jess HopperPlaces of Residence Boone and Livingston Counties MissouriAddress Route # 1 Box 614Occupation if other than Housewife Teacher Church AffiliationCity, State Springfield, Mo.Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.  
Make separate sheet for each mar.Date 1980Her Father Robert Austin WadeMother's Maiden Name Amy Oleta Stone

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<u>Michael Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	19	Sept.	1958	Chillicothe, Missouri			
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
2	<u>Suzi Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	8	July	1960	Chillicothe, Missouri			
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	<u>Mark Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	4	July	1961	Chillicothe, Missouri			
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	<u>Molly Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	5	June	1962	Chillicothe, Missouri			
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5	<u>Matthew Hopper</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	24	Jan.	1963				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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Hopper



*Stephen Lee Hopper born 13 August 1934  
United States Army Korean War*



## *Stephen Lee Hopper*

*Stephen Lee Hopper was born in Brookfield, Missouri 13 August 1934. His parents were Otha Jess Hopper 1906 - and Hazel Wilson Hopper 1907-1941.*

*He received his elementary education in the rural schools of Livingston county Missouri and secondary education in the Chillicothe, Missouri high school graduating in 1951. While in high school he was active in the Future Farmers organization, served on the Student Council and was a board member of the Elm Street Methodist church.*

*In the Fall of 1951 Stephen enrolled in the University of Missouri College of Agriculture majoring in Animal Husbandry. After two years in the University he volunteered into the Army of the United States and was inducted 21 July 1953. After training as a Combat Rifleman in the 10th Infantry Division and as an Artillery Field Wireman he was ordered to the Far East Command. There he was leased to the Air Force Special Category and given an assignment to help build, maintain and defend air bases. His first duty was to operate a Cat. 12 road grader on K-8 Air Base near Kunson, Korea. Later he was assigned to a Command Section as Chief Switch Board Operator for the Battalion. Next he was sent to Japan to help in rebuilding the Brady Air Base on the island of Kyushu. There he worked as Construction Chief. In December of 1954 he was rotated back to the United States and reassigned to the 8th Infantry Division at Fort Carson Colorado. While there he volunteered to participate in the Atom Bomb tests in Nevada. In the Spring of 1955 he was assigned to camp Desert Rock as Regimental Wire Team Chief. There he experienced three atom bomb tests twice the size of that used on Hiroshima Japan. June 3, 1955 he was honorably discharged as a Corporal.*

*During his army service Stephen was awarded the U.N. Service metal, the Korean Service Metal, the National Defence Metal, Good Conduct Metal, Army Commendation Metals, Syngman Rhee Citation, Reserve ten year Honorable Duty Metal and a gold metal from the St. Louis Post Dispatch as Reservist of the Year.*

*Stephen Lee Hopper continued:*

*Following the period of active army duty Stephen enrolled for the second time in the University of Missouri College of Agriculture. During this period in college his extra curricular activities were quite extensive. He courted his wife to be, was president of the organization of the Independent Agricultural Students, Chairman of Lights for Barnwarming and The Farmers Fair, President of Ruf Nexs and was promoted to Sergeant in the Army Reserves. All of this additional effort in addition to holding down four part time jobs took time away from his studies. He with two other students from the College of Agriculture were selected for "Whos Who" group of students in American Colleges but his grades did not meet the requirements necessary.*

*On 25 February 1956 Stephen Lee Hopper and Indras Fay Wade of Boone county Missouri were married. This union has been blessed by the birth of the following children :*

<i>Michael (Mike )</i>	<i>born 19 September 1958</i>
<i>Suzi</i>	<i>born 8 July 1960</i>
<i>Mark</i>	<i>born 4 July 1961</i>
<i>Molly</i>	<i>born 5 June 1962</i>
<i>Matthew (Matt )</i>	<i>born 24 January 1966.</i>

*This Hopper family has put together considerable acreage of farm land in Livingston county Missouri and has built a modern new home. The family members have been very active in community activities and the family was selected by the University of Missouri Extension Service as the County Farm Management Family In 1977 and the State Farm Management Achievement Family in 1978.*

*During the period from 1972 to 1976 Stephen served on the Missouri Governor's Agricultural Advisory Council.*

*All of the children have been very active in their school and community. The four older children have won trips to Washington D.C. as a result of their 4-H and Future Farmers of America work.*



Some additional Hopper family history as narrated by Helen Hopper Vance to her daughter Nancy Teter June 21, 1976.

The first Gilliam Hopper that we have any knowledge of lived as far back as we know, in Pulaski County, Kentucky. He moved to McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee and reared ten children whose names were: Samuel, William, Absalum, Moses, James T., Mary, Elisha, Pinkney, Gilliam, and Ana.

James T. was born June 28, 1806 in Cumberland Gap, Claiborn County, ~~Tennessee~~, and when a lad moved with his family to Warren County, Tennessee. On June 19, 1828, he married Drucilla Byers and they had Townsend, Harrel B., Rebecca, John L., Solomon C., Pinkney, Gilliam, Jane B., Shalmanezzer, Marianne, Stephen P. and Ana. (Born in Kentucky, Tennessee and Illinois.)

Before leaving Kentucky and Tennessee, the Hopper family had accumulated a great deal of wealth in land and slaves and the brothers got into a feud over the estate. James T. put what family he had at the time into a traveling schooner and drove away - westward - leaving his part of the estate to his brothers. When they came to Cumberland Gap, located on the North line of Tennessee, where points of Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia meet, they camped in a small plot of ground not included in the survey of the adjoining states. Here they found a good spring and the common camping ground was called "Hell's Half Acre." North of Cumberland Gap, in Knox County, there is a town by the name of Hopper.

Eleven years after James T. and Drucilla Byers were married - in November of 1839, we find that they moved into Adams County, Illinois. Here James T. bought valuable farm land and the family was financially secure. They were planning another move, however, in 1853 to Clarence, Missouri, but on October 7th of that year Drucilla died. James T. married in 1854 Nancy K. Burk on April 15th, 1856 he moved his family to Shelby County, Missouri. This couple had three sons - Samuel, George and Grant.

One of the family stories has it that James T. did the survey work for the City of Clarence, Missouri and was given a section of land (640 acres) North of town as payment. On this land stood James T.'s home, The Hopper Cemetery, Hopper School, and Church. James T. is buried in this cemetery and his obituary (Dec. ], 1880) states that twelve of his children were present to see their father laid to rest. (Our Grandfather Gilliam was one present.

Gilliam Hopper was born February 23, 1840 in Mounds Station, Adams County, Illinois and died June 26, 1934 in Clarence, Missouri.

On February 27, 1858 (in Illinois) he married Harriet Clestine Garner and they had two sons - Edgar A., born April 9, 1860, and Charles M., born May 12, 1861.

Gilliam was a young man, 22 years old, when the Civil War broke out and on August 12, 1862 in Clayton, Illinois - in County I-119 Illinois Volunteers, he volunteered to serve three years, or for the duration of the war, and he was mustered into service as a Private in the Army on October 7th, 1862 at Quincy, Illinois. He served under General Sherman and in January of 1863 his company was stationed at Medon, Tennessee. One of the stories he told me when I was a child was of the long, hard marches and their near starvation diets. One day he and his brother Pinkney - marching along spotted a piece of raw bacon in the dirt. They picked it up, scraped it off, divided it evenly and ate it.

His personal description at enlistment was: Height 5'10" light complexion, dark eyes, red hair, and occupation farmer. His Civil War record is in the National Archives Building - General Services Adm., Washington, D. C. - file #XC935237-Co. I-119 Illinois Volunteers.

By order #53 of the War Department on February 15th, 1864 Gilliam Hopper was transferred to the Invalid Corps and discharged at Springfield, Illinois on September 7th, 1865. (He was in Alexandria, Louisiana.)

Sadly, another Civil War tragedy happened in Clayton, Illinois. His wife Harriet C. had died on February 25, 1865 in Clayton, Illinois just six months before he returned home. We have no record of what happened to the two young sons. Gilliam has a note at the bottom of some pension papers dated July 17, 1918 - "Five of us brothers in the Army - I am the only one living, age 78 years."

John L. (Jack) Hopper was one of these brothers serving in the War. He was injured and taken prisoner by the South and put in a prison camp in Memphis, Tennessee. He was sitting in the sunshine in the prison yard looking over the beautiful Southern landscape thereabouts, when a carriage drove up with two liveried slaves in the driver's seat. They stopped near him and one of the slaves stepped down and opened the door of the carriage for his master, who inquired for the Officer of the Day and went to see him. Soon they came out and surprised John by going directly to where he was sitting on a stump. The man asked him if his name was John Hopper and if he was the son of James T. Then the man said, "I am your Uncle - I live in that Plantation you see yonder". John looked up at one of the grand homes he had been admiring. At once a spirit of resentment began to kindle within him, thinking that a part of that estate rightfully belonged to his father. The Uncle was continuing, "I have been watching the names of prisoners listed here, hoping to find the name of one of Jim's boys listed.

Now I have received Permission from the Officer here to take you home with me where you can regain your strength under better care and I want to ask about Jim and his family. But John's temper all this time had been building up and now, with no courtesy for either his Uncle's age or kinship - arose to his feet and walked away - saying only that he did not want anything to do with him[ John was 28 years old at this time and when he was older and wiser he deeply regretted that act.

James T. carried this same spirit of resentment and when estates were settled - he refused to take any part in the settlement. When he died, his sons looked after his part of the inheritance which had laid in chancery for so many years. It amounted to considerable, even after it was divided among his big family.

Drucilla, who died in 1853 in Adams County, Illinois, was buried in the old Baptist Cemetery very near the old Hardshell "Meeting Place". A road survey was put through there long after she was buried and it would have placed her grave in the middle of the road, but her family refused to move her. They procured a deed for the lot and built a fence around it which caused a crook in the road. Grace Hopper (Mrs. Victor) made a trip to this spot in May of 1976 and she says the grave still causes a bend in the road in Brown County, Illinois. A limestone slab covers her grave. It was put there by her son Harrel.

Gillum, after the war and the death of his wife, Harriett, moved to Clarence, Missouri where his father was. On February 1, 1866 he married Mary Elizabeth Brown and to this union were born:

Jennie - January 16, 1867  
James S. - December 20, 1868  
Calvin Milton - October 13, 1870  
Ezera Elmer - October 29, 1872  
Laurence H. - September 12, 1874  
Otto Glen - October 13, 1877  
Asa Talbert - August 6, 1879  
Roy H. - October 8, 1881

In 1882 Mary and her infant son took what was then called "Bloody Flux" and both died July 3, 1882. The mother was buried with the baby in her arms.

Gillum married Maryett Dove on October 26, 1882 and they had one daughter - Leona P. - born on Sept. 25, 1883. Maryett died March 18, 1896 in Clarence, Missouri.

After living 11 years alone, Gill<sup>um</sup> married Ermina Diantha Purdy Stohr on November 13, 1907, near Maud in Shelby County, Missouri by Justice of the Peace Marvin Whitby. He always called her "Miney" and she was a dear, good woman who brought love and comfort to his old age. She died January 8, 1924 at their home in Clarence, Missouri. As a little girl, I remember vividly the delightful trips I took with her a few miles South of Clarence to visit her daughter Nannie Dix in a little buggy pulled by a beautiful bay mare named "Daisy".

On August 4, 1894 Gill<sup>um</sup> was awarded a Civil War Pension-Certificate #294392 - from the Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Civil War Division and received this until his death at age 94 on June 26, 1934. I remember him as a handsome old man with a heavy shock of white hair a beard, and at 94 he still had his own teeth and wore no glasses.

A family reunion was held at his home for years when I was growing up and he always sat at the head of a long table in the kitchen and gave the impressive table prayer in a voice that climbed up and down the vocal scale.

There is a story related by Fannie Hopper (daughter of John L., granddaughter of James T.) which goes back to the very earliest settlers in America and although it came down as a story from one generation to another, with no written authenticity, I should like to include it in this history of the Hopper family.

Fannie Hopper relates that when her father (John L.) was about 18, his father sent him back to Virginia with a wagon and team to bring an old Aunt Nancy out to Illinois to visit the family. Fannie remembers her as being very old, a cripple, and that she was carried about in her chair. She told many things of her life back in the Cumberland Mountains and she also told that the Hopper clan started in America when four brothers emigrated from England to this country before the Revolutionary War because in English law the oldest son inherits the complete family estate. Two of these brothers were reportedly killed at the Battle of Cowpens, in which the Revolutionary Army drove the British down and penned them in Charleston, South Carolina.

## FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

Absalom C. Hopper

This Information Obtained From:

Joseph Rea Hopper Jr.  
Jerry Hopper

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	1808						
Chr'nd							
Mar.							
Death	1856				Gibson Co. Tennessee		
Burial					Gibson Co. Tenn., near Rutherford		
Places of Residence							
Occupation				Church Affiliation		Military Rec.	
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
His Father				Mother's Maiden Name			
Gilliam Hopper				Nancy Campbell			

2705 Laurel Drive  
Decatur, Georgia  
30033

Places of Residence

Occupation

Farmer

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father

Gilliam Hopper

Mother's Maiden Name

Nancy Campbell

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Olly B. Moore

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	1808				Tennessee		
Chr'nd							
Death	1878						
Burial							

Birth

1808

Chr'nd

Death

1878

Burial

Compiler Utha J. Hopper

Places of Residence

Address Route # 1 Box 614

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State Springfield, Miss

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

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Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Gillum Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	26	Nov.	1827				Successful plantation owner in Dunklin Co. Missouri
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
2	Jenima Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1829				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	Moses Josiah Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	26	Nov.	1831		settled in Obion Co. Indiana		
		Mar.							
		Death			24 Mch. 1915				
		Burial							
4	Nathaniel Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1833		Settled near Clarkton, Mo.		
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5	Elmore Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1834		settled near Hartville, Missouri		
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	Olley Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1838				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Harrison Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1841		Father of Walter Hopper of Memphis, Tenn.		
		Mar.							
		Death			1904				
		Burial							
8	Absalom Hopper Jr. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1843		Not heard from following Civil War.		
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	Pickney (Lewis) Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1845				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Sarah A. Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1848				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

GILLUM MONROE HOPPER, son of ABSALOM C. HOPPER (1808-1856)  
BORN IN WARREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, 26 NOVEMBER 1827.

ABSALOM C. HOPPER WAS A SON OF GILLIAM HOPPER(1776-1848)

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by Robert H. Douglas

Gillum M. Hopper. Merited appreciation offered voluntarily during the life time of the man who deserves it is the greatest honor that can come to one. Gillum Monroe Hopper is one of the grand old men of Dunklin County, where he has resided during the greater portion of his active career and where he is honored and esteemed as a man of sterling integrity and worth. He has long been engaged in farming operations and is the owner of a fine estate of one hundred and twenty acres, the same being eligibly located two miles south of Malden.

Gillum Monroe Hopper was born in Warren County, Tennessee, on the 26th of November 1827, and he is a son of Absalom C. and Ollie B. (Moore) Hopper, both of whom were born and reared in Tennessee. The father was an agriculturist by occupation and at one time he owned a farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres of land near Hickory Creek in Warren County, Tennessee, where he devoted most of his time and attention to the growing of corn, tobacco and flax. Absalom C. Hopper father of the subject of this review, was the owner of some five hundred acres of land in Gibson County, Tennessee and at the time of his death, Gillum Hopper inherited from that a farm of fifty acres. Mr. and Mrs. Absalom C. Hopper became the parents of ten children, of whom Gillum M. was the first-born. Harrison Hopper died in 1807 near the old home in Tennessee; Louis was interested in railroad work in southern Missouri for a number of years and is now deceased; Nathaniel and Elmo came to Missouri, the former settling near Clarkston and the latter near Wrightville. Moses resides in Obion County, Tennessee. In 1833 the Hopper family removed from Tennessee to Arkansas, where the home was maintained for a period of four years, and they then returned to Gibson County, Tennessee. Ansalom C. Hopper was called to eternal rest in the year 1851, aged forty-four years, and his cherished and devoted wife passed away in 1878, aged about seventy-one years.

In the public schools of his native place and in those of Boone County, Arkansas, Gillum M. Hopper received his preliminary educational training. In 1872 he decided to try his fortunes in Missouri and in that year went to Clarkston, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and thirty-seven acres and where he also built a mill and a gin, continuing to operate the same until 1881, at which time he removed to Malden. In the latter place he conducted

a gin for the ensuing eighteen years, during which time a great deal of the cotton raised in this section of the state passed through his hands. In 1889 Mr. Hopper's mill and gin at Malden were destroyed by fire and from that time he lived in virtual retirement on a farm located two miles south of Malden until five years ago and since then he has resided at Malden with his daughter, Mrs. Dunscomb. Most of his land was originally very heavily wooded but he realized nothing from the timber on it. Since clearing his estate he has been very successful in the growing of wheat, cotton and corn. He still has three acres of timber land and a portion of his farm is set out to small fruits and berries. In 1885 Mr. Hopper purchased several acres of land in Malden and then as the town grew up round him he sold off portions of it at different times. He now possesses only one lot in Malden, although he has a small interest in some of the property owned formerly by Louis Hopper.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hopper is aligned as a staunch supporter of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor. He takes a deep and sincere interest in all matters affecting the general welfare of the county and he is a man of influence and prominence in the vicinity of Malden. In fraternal channels he is connected with Blue Lodge No. 146, Free and Accepted Masons, of Malden and with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his religious faith he is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Malden, and in the same is an active and zealous worker. Although he has now reached the venerable age of eighty-four years, Mr. Hopper is still erect and hearty, retaining in much of their pristine vigor the splendid mental and physical qualities of his youth.

Mr. Hopper has been thrice married. On the 24th of November 1853, he married Elizabeth Daniel and after her death, which occurred November 25, 1883, he married on June 5, 1884. Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, who died in 1896. For his third wife, Mr. Hopper chose Elizabeth Anne Glisson of Tennessee. She died April 3, 1904. Mr. Hopper became the father of five daughters and one son, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: Absalom Clark Hopper, who died November 15, 1891, at the age of twenty-six years; Mary Elizabeth who became the wife of Samuel Dunscomb, of Tennessee, and they had seven children: Ollie B. married R. C. Vinson and they had one child, Dee Vinson, now in Indiana, and Mrs. Ollie B. Vinson died March 25, 1880; Ditha Louella and Jennie Lee died while infants, and Julia Ann is the widow of G. W. Peck, formerly mayor of Malden for a number of terms.

## BIOGRAPHY OF HENRY CLAY HOPPER

This biography appears in the Portrait and Biographical Record of the State of Colorado 1899 on pages 458 and 459. The accuracy of the information given has not been established to date.

HENRY CLAY HOPPER, ex-judge of Custer County and now proprietor of a hotel in Wetmore, was born in Warren County, Tenn., September 26, 1833. His paternal grandfather, Gillam Hopper, removed from Virginia to Tennessee in 1800 and became the owner of a plantation comprising seventeen thousand acres, of which one thousand were under cultivation. He died in 1849 in Litchfield, Ky., where he also owned a plantation. During his residence in the Old Dominion he married Nancy Campbell, a descendant of the royal family of Ireland; her mother, whose name was also Nancy, lived to be one hundred and eight years of age, and cut a third set of teeth, besides gaining renewed eyesight. Mrs. Nancy Hopper was ninety years of age when she died in 1862. Her children were eight in number. Samuel, Moses J., A.C., James, Polly, Nancy, Pinckley and Gillam. The second husband of Polly was Gov. Clay Jackson, of Missouri; Nancy married Samuel Hand.

The father of our subject, Samuel Hopper, M.D., was a practicing physician in Johnson and Franklin Counties, Tenn. While at Shelbyville, that state in 1832, he had an attack of the Asiatic cholera and was the first one who ever recovered from the disease. Besides being an excellent physician, he was a thorough mechanic, and the efficiency shown in his work can be proved by this statement: a water-power mill that he built in 1818 is still in operation: the shaft, of red cedar, was eight inches square, but is now worn perfectly round by the action of the water. When in middle life he removed to Illinois, where his remaining years were passed. He was born on the first day of 1800 and passed away in 1866.

Educated in the common schools of Franklin County, our subject was only fourteen when he left school and began steamboating, which business he followed until twenty-six years of age. Going to Missouri, he there turned his attention to farming and stock raising. He had the contract to furnish beef to the contractors who built a division of the St. Louis & Iron Mountain Railroad, and this work proved quite profitable. In 1854 he went to Illinois, but four years later returned to Tennessee, where he engaged in the sawmill business in Obion County. He was strongly Union in his sentiments and when the war began found his surroundings unpleasant. Finally, in 1862, so much hostility was expressed that he was obliged to flee in the night from his home. He went to Illinois,



where he enlisted in the Thirteenth Illinois Cavalry, Seventh Brigade, Seventh Division, Seventh Army Corps. During much of his period of service he engaged in scout duty. He was mustered out as first sergeant August 30, 1865, and some years afterward was granted a pension by the government.

On his return home, Mr. Hopper began to operate a stationary engine. In the spring of 1866 he began building operations at Benton, Illinois, where he erected the Masonic block and other buildings. For four years he served as city marshal, after which he became general superintendent of mason work for the St. Louis & Southeastern Railroad. April 4, 1874, he left Mount Vernon, Ill., and by team journeyed to Colorado, arriving in Pueblo June 4. For four months he followed contracting in that city, after which he came to Canon City, where he put up a number of buildings. In April, 1875, he settled on a ranch near his present location, but later spent five years on a ranch in Pueblo County. In October, 1890, he came to Wetmore and bought his present place, where he has two fruit orchards and is also conducting a hotel. From 1891 to 1896 he was justice of the peace here. November 5, 1895, he was elected county judge and served for three years in that capacity. In 1875 and 1876 he served as constable. Prior to 1897 he attended every state convention of the Republican party, and he has always been a staunch adherent of that party. Besides what he has accumulated through his own efforts, he is one of twenty-two heirs to an estate of seventeen thousand acres in Middle Tennessee.

While on an Ohio River steamboat, of which he was head engineer, August 7, 1857, Mr. Hopper married Mary E. Holman, of Kentucky, who died February 14, 1863, leaving two daughters; Alice R., now the wife of August Meiling, of Grand Junction, Colo.; and Flora L. wife of S. G. Vaughn, a farmer near Wetmore. For his second wife, Mr. Hopper chose Catherine Reece, who was born in Grainger County, Tenn., but at the time of her marriage was living in Franklin County, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Hopper are members of the Christian Church in which he held an official position while in Missouri. Fraternally he is connected with A. J. Smith Post No. 102, G.A.R.; and Williams Lodge No. 242, I.O.O.F., at Spring Garden, Ill., which he joined August 10, 1867.

## LAWRENCE CLAY HOPPER

Lawrence (Laurence) Clay Hopper. Various states of the Middle West were made the home of the Hopper family at different times, but they were identified especially with Kentucky, and James B. Hopper, son of John L. Hopper, a Kentuckian who served in the Civil War, was born at Bowling Green, Kentucky, where during young manhood he engaged in general farming and stock raising. A desire to see something of other sections of the country and a hope of bettering his condition led him to Missouri and to Adams County, Illinois, later to Colorado, where he located with his family near Empire on Clear Creek. Eventually he returned to Missouri and settled in Linn County, where he at first engaged in the insurance business and afterward became a traveling salesman.

Through his marriage to Louise Foster, who was born in Iowa and died in Missouri, there were three children, the oldest of whom, Lawrence Clay, born near Clayton in Adams County, Illinois, 21 November, 1876. At the age of fourteen years, he became a cowboy on the plains of Kansas and Colorado, engaging to ride the range for a cattleman of Victoria, near Fort Hayes, Kansas. During the year as cowboy, he had many exciting and even dangerous experiences, and enjoyed to the utmost the outdoor existence with its element of peril. A return to the routine of farming in Missouri proved tame and uninteresting, so that he was ready to embrace an opportunity to learn the business of an aeronaut with Uncle Tom Baldwin, at Quincy, Illinois where he made his first flight in June, 1893. Afterward, he made descensions with parachute from gas and hot-air balloons.

His travels took him to every part of the United States and gave him a thorough knowledge of conditions, so that he is exceptionally well informed in regard to the country. Being a skilled and efficient aeronaut, he went through some dangerous adventures unscathed and in his three or four falls received no serious injuries. At the time of the breaking out of the Spanish-American War, he was in Virginia and volunteered his services to the cause, becoming a member of Company C., Third Virginia U.S.V. Regiment. He served with the regiment until mustered out at the close of the war, when he returned to the balloon business.

For some years after ceasing to make air flights, Mr. Hopper engaged in the street carnival business, and in that capacity he visited many sections of the middle states and the south. During 1901, he came to California and found employment at Oakland in the office of the surveyor of Alameda County, where he remained until the earthquake 18th of April, 1906. The falling

of Sherman and Clay building on Broadway and Thirteenth Streets crushed in the St. Charles Hotel, where he was sleeping. Seriously injured and with difficulty he dragged himself from the ruins, and it was three months before he had recovered sufficiently to resume work at any occupation.

He then entered the store of Smith Bros., stationers, with whom he continued for a year and afterward returned to surveying. From Oakland, California, he came to Willits to superintend the construction of the sewer system in the employ of the Vincent Construction Company, and later he filled the same position with the same concern at Newman, California. On the completion of the contract he returned to Willits and engaged in cement and sewer contracting. December 12, 1910, he entered the employ of the Willits Water and Power Company as Resident Manager and Superintendent of the Water Department, which position he is filling with characteristic efficiency. In politics he votes with the Republican Party. Fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen of the World. The unique and attractive bungalow which he erected on South Main Street is presided over by his wife, who was the former Miss Amelia F. Vega, a native of Tuolumne County, California, and at the time of their marriage, a resident of Fruitvale, Alameda County, California.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: History of Mendocino and Lake Counties, California, 1914, page 858.



## FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

Shalmanazer (Shally) Hopper

This Information Obtained From:

Members of the family Family Bible and other sources	Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
	Birth	17	April	1845		Adams County	Illinois	
	Chr'nd							
	Mar.	15	June	1864				
	Death	1	Sept.	1899		Shelby County	Missouri	
Burial					Hopper Cemetery	Shelby Co. Mo.		
Places of Residence	Adams Co. Ill. and Shelby Co. Mo.							
Occupation	Farmer		Church Affiliation		Military Rec. Civil War			
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.								
His Father James Townsend Hopper Mother's Maiden Name Drucilla Byars								

Wife's Full Maiden Name Emily L Sims

	Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
	Birth	18	Oct.	1844		Schuyler County	Illinois	
	Chr'nd							
	Death	6	May	1924		Clarence	Missouri	
	Burial					Hopper Cemetery	Shelby Co. Mo.	
Places of Residence	Schuyler Co. Ill. and Shelby Co. Mo.							

Compiler Everett Sims

Address Hopper

City, State Venice, Florida

Date 1981

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.  
Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Eliza J. Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	17	Feb.	1865		Shelby Co. Mo.		
		Mar.							
		Death	22	May	1866		Shelby Co. Mo.		
		Burial							
2	Alice Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	8	June	1866		Shelby Co. Mo.		
		Mar.	29	Jan.	1890	Jo Levi E. West			
		Death	6	Sept.	1932				
		Burial							
3	Elisha Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	2	Jan.	1868		Shelby Co. Mo.		
		Mar.	5	Jan.	1898				
		Death	25	June	1935				
		Burial							
4	Mathew Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	28	Sept.	1869		Shelby Co. Mo.		
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5	Luvana Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	29	July	1871		Shelby Co. Mo.		
		Mar.	5	May	1892				
		Death	15	Jan	1930				
		Burial							
6	Minnie Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	11	July	1873		Shelby Co. Mo.		
		Mar.	31	Dec.	1896				
		Death	19	Oct	1961				
		Burial							
7	Amos Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	15	Sept.	1875		Shelby Co. Mo.		
		Mar.	4	Mch.	1903				
		Death	3	Mch.	1909				
		Burial							
8	Alfred Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	13	Oct.	1878		Shelby Co. Mo.		
		Mar.							
		Death	2	Dec.	1957				
		Burial							
9	Shalmanazer Jr. Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	4	July	1882		Shelby Co. Mo.		
		Mar.							
		Death	14	April	1883				
		Burial							
10	Jesse James Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	21	April	1883		Shelby Co. Mo.		
		Mar.							
		Death	6	Jan.	1966				
		Burial							

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\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

## FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

Amos M. Hopper

This Information Obtained From:

Family Records

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	15	Sept.	1875	Shelby County	Missouri		
Chr'nd							
Mar.	4	March	1903		Illinois		
Death	3	Mch.	1929	Galesburg,	Illinois		
Burial	6	Mch.	1929	Huntsville,	Illinois Cemetery		
Places of Residence	Missouri and Illinois						
Occupation	Builder		Church Affiliation	Military Rec.			
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
His Father				Shalmanezzer Hopper			
Mother's Maiden Name				Emily L. Sims			

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Ida Margaret Calvin

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	29	Mch.	1877	McDonough Co.	Illinois		
Chr'nd							
Death	24	May	1943	Macomb,	Illinois		
Burial	27	May	1943	Huntsville,	Illinois Cemetery		

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Everett S. Hopper

Places of Residence

Father; George B. Calvin - Mother Margaret Hoover

Address

1380 Leeward Rd.

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Venice, Florida

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.  
Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

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Her Father

George B. Calvin

Mother's Maiden Name

Margaret Hoover

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Ivan Troy Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	14	Aug.	1905	Orion,	Illinois		
		Mar.	28	Dec.	1939				
		Death							
		Burial							
2	Ester Martha Harris Everett Sims Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	8	April	1911	Orion,	Illinois		
		Mar.	2	April	1938				
		Death							
		Burial							
3	Margaret Ruth Mitchell Jesse Victor Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	10	Nov.	1916	Abingdon,	Illinois		
		Mar.	20	May	1939				
		Death							
		Burial							
4	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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## VITA

Jesse Victor HOPPER

January, 1981

Born: November 10, 1916  
Place: Abingdon, Illinois  
Married: May 20, 1939 to Erma Grace Beckman  
Children: Mrs. Michael E. Clarke (Karen Rebecca), born Nov. 13, 1948  
Carl Robert Hopper, born February 27, 1952

### Education

1922-30 Lincoln Grade School, Abingdon, Illinois  
1930-34 Abingdon High School (Valedictorian)  
1934-35 Illinois College  
1937-38 Western Illinois University  
1939-41 B.Ed., Western Illinois University (Honor Graduate)  
1946-47 M.A., Stanford University, in Educational Administration \*  
1950-51 Harvard University  
1960-61 Ed.D., (1962) Harvard University, Educ. Admin.\*\*

### Experience

1935-37 Farming  
1938-39 Elementary School Teacher, Griggsville, Illinois  
1939-41 Assistant to the Principal, WIU Campus Laboratory School  
1941-43 Principal of Grant School, Streator, Illinois  
1943-46 Active Duty, United States Naval Reserve  
1943 Princeton University (Indoctrination School)  
1943-44 Harvard University (Communications School)  
1944-45 Communications Watch Officer under the Commander  
Submarine Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor  
1945-46 Communications Officer under the Commander  
Submarine Pacific Fleet Administration, Mare Island  
California  
1946-58 Inactive Duty, United States Naval Reserve  
1958- Retired, Lt(jg), United States Naval Reserve  
1946-47 Instructor, San Francisco State College  
1947-50 Principal of Madison School, Quincy, Illinois  
1951-63 Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO  
1951-53 Assistant Professor of Education  
1951-63 Director of Student Teaching  
1953-63 Associate Professor of Education  
1956-63 Director of Teacher Placement  
1956-63 Director of Summer Session  
1961-63 Chairman of the Department of Education  
1962-63 Acting Director of Counseling Center  
(Experience continued on next page)

\*Masters Thesis - "Contributions to Education by Dr. Elwood P. Cubberly"

\*\*Doctoral Thesis - "The Impact of National Science Foundation Summer Institutes upon Private Coeducational Colleges and Universities with Enrollment between Five Hundred and Twenty-five Hundred."

## Experience (Continued)

- 1963-71 University of Southern Colorado (Southern Colorado State College), Pueblo, CO  
1963-64 Dean of the College and Professor of Education  
1964-65 Acting President  
1965-71 President
- 1971-75 Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Brown County Community Unit School District No. 1, Mt. Sterling, IL  
Serving as: Curriculum Coordinator  
Director of Title I, ESEA  
Director of Title II, ESEA  
Director of Title III, NDEA  
Affiliate Director, West Central Illinois Mental Health Association  
Local Director, Illinois Network for School Development  
Local Director, Individually Guided Education
- 1975-81 Dean of Academic Affairs, John Wood Community College, Quincy, IL

## Professional Affiliations

National Education Association, 1947- present (Life Member)  
American Association for Higher Education, 1969- present (Charter Life Member)  
American Association of University Professors, 1952-72 (Chapter Officer, 1954-58)  
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 1947-present (Member of National Board, 1958)  
Association for School, College and University Staffing, 1959-63 (Member of National Committee)  
American Association of School Administrators, 1947-76  
American Association of State Colleges and Universities, 1966-71, (Committee of Programs and Conferences, 1969-71)  
Colorado Education Association, 1951-71 (Member of various committees)  
Colorado Schoolmasters, 1954-71  
Colorado Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 1951-71 (President 1961-62)  
Colorado Council on Instruction, 1968-70 (Executive Committee, 1970)  
Colorado Congress of Parents and Teachers, 1951-present, (Life Member)  
Colorado Association of School Executives, 1951-71 (Many committees)  
Colorado Association of State Colleges and Universities, 1964-71 (President, 1966-69)  
Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, 1967-71 (Pres.-elect 1970)  
Colorado Springs Board of Education, 1959-60  
Southern Colorado Board of Cooperative Services, Board Member, 1969-71)  
Southern Colorado Economic Development District, Board Member. 1968-71)  
Southern Colorado State College Foundation, 1964-71 (Sec.-Treas. 1964-71)  
Western Illinois University Administrative Advisory Committee, 1970-72)  
Rocky Mountain Alumni Chapter, Western Illinois University, 1958-71 (Vice-president 1968, President, 1969-71)  
Quincy Area Education Consortium 1975-present (President 1979-81)  
Nat'l Ass'n of Public and Continuing Educ. Administrators, 1976-present  
National Council of Instructional Administrators, 1979-81  
Illinois Health Occupations Association, 1979-present  
Administrators Round Table of Western Illinois, 1972-present



### Professional Affiliations (Continued)

Kappa Delta Pi, Education (Chapter President 1940 and 1941) 1940-present  
Phi Delta Kappa, Graduate Education, 1946-present (Chapter Treas. 1980-81)  
Pi Gamma Mu, Social Science, 1958-present  
Phi Beta Lambda, Business Administration, (Honorary) 1966-present  
Pi Kappa Delta, Speech, (Honorary) 1967-present  
Phi Mu Alpha, Music, (Honorary) 1970-present

### Community Services

Boy Scouts of America, 1938- , (Silver Beaver) (Member At Large of the National Board, 1970)  
Rocky Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America, 1966-71,  
(President 1967, 1968, 1969; Finance Chairman, 1970-71)  
Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, 1964-71 (Director) (1971 recipient of Century II Award)  
Pueblo Rotary Club, 1963-71, (President 1968-69) (Honorary Member 1969-81)  
Mt. Sterling Illinois Rotary Club, 1971-75) (President 1974-75)  
Quincy Illinois Rotary Club, 1975-present  
El Pueblo Boys Ranch, 1963-71 (Treas. 1964-68; Vice Pres. 1969; Pres. 1970)  
Pueblo Regional Planning Commission, 1965-71 (Director)  
Pueblo Civic Symphony, 1967-71 (Board Member)  
Pueblo Metropolitan Museum Association, 1967-71 (Board Member)  
Pueblo Air Pollution Advisor Committee, 1966-71 (Board Member)  
Pueblo American Red Cross, 1966-71 (Board Member)  
Goodwill Industries, 1964-70 (Board Member)  
Goodwill Industries of Southern Colorado, 1969-71 (Board Member)  
Brown County Chapter of American Cancer Society, 1972-74 (Finance Chr.)  
Quincy and Adams County Historical Society, 1977-80 (Officer 1978-79)  
Quincy Society of Fine Arts, 1976-81 (Vice-president 1980-81)

### Church Affiliation

United Methodist Church 1929-present  
Past President of United Methodist Men's Organizations in  
Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and Mt. Sterling, IL  
Adult Sunday School Teacher, many years  
Many District and Conference offices have been held over the years

### Fraternal Affiliation

Masonic - Blue Lodge, Consistory, Shrine (1965-present)  
High Twelve (1976-present)

FAMILY GROUP No.		Husband's Full Name		This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Data		City, Town or Place		County or Province, etc.		State or Country		Add. Info. on Husband	
		Hannell B. Hopper				Birth		6 Sept. 1830		Warren Co. Tennessee					
						Chr'nd									
						Mar.		16 June 1853		Brown Co. Illinois					
						Death		15 Dec. 1913		Adams Co. Illinois					
Family Records						Burial		Howe Cemetery		Adams Co. Illinois					
						Places of Residence		Tennessee and Illinois							
						Occupation		Farmer		Church Affiliation		Military Rec.			
						Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.									
						His Father		James J. Hopper		Mother's Maiden Name		Drucilla Byers			
						Wife's Full Maiden Name		Serena A. Farmer							
						Birth		20 Dec. 1832							
						Chr'nd									
						Death		18 Sept. 1914		Adams Co. Illinois					
						Burial		Howe Cemetery		Adams Co. Illinois					
						Places of Residence									
						Occupation if other than Housewife				Church Affiliation					
						Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.									
						Make separate sheet for each mar.									
						Date		1970		Her Father		Mother's Maiden Name			
Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children						
1	Rozina Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	22	Mch.	1855										
	Eugene S. Davis	Mar.													
		Death	23	July	1907										
		Burial													
2	James Henry Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	3	July	1856										
	Ellen Bradley	Mar.													
		Death	1	Oct.	1894										
		Burial				Clayton Cemetery	Adams Co.	Illinois							
3	Salomon Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	15	Sept.	1857										
	1st Laura Flanders	Mar.													
		Death	28	May	1899										
		Burial													
4	Catham Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	9	Feb.	1859										
	Fiona Williams	Mar.													
		Death													
		Burial													
5	Hershel Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	6	Sept.	1860										
		Mar.													
		Death	22	Aug.	1861										
		Burial				Howe Cemetery	Adams Co.	Illinois							
6	Anes Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	20	June	1863										
	Eugene S. Davis	Mar.													
		Death	16	Jan.	1954										
		Burial													
7	Howard M. Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	12	June	1865										
		Mar.													
		Death	18	Feb.	1908										
		Burial				Howe Cemetery	Adams Co.	Illinois							
8	Virginia Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	19	Aug.	1867										
	Charles Chapman	Mar.													
		Death	30	Nov.	1902										
		Burial													
9	Laura Hopper Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	23	Feb.	1869										
		Mar.													
		Death	14	Oct.	1871										
		Burial				Howe Cemetery	Adams Co.	Illinois							
10		Birth													
		Mar.													
		Death													
		Burial													

**FAMILY GROUP No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Husband's Full Name** Eugene S. Davis

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
	Birth							
	Chr'nd							
	Mar.							
	Death							
	Burial							
Places of Residence								
Occupation _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec. _____								
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. <u>2nd wife Agnes Hopper (sister of first wife)</u> Make separate sheet for each mar.								
His Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____								

Family records	Wife's Full Maiden Name <u>Rozina Hopper</u>							
	Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
	Birth	22	Mch.	1855				
	Chr'nd							
	Death	23	July					
Burial _____								

Compiler <u>Helen C. Deveny</u>	Places of Residence
Address <u>2580 Garfield</u>	Occupation if other than Housewife _____ Church Affiliation _____
City, State <u>Abilene, Texas</u>	Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. <u>Make separate sheet for each mar.</u>
Date <u>1970</u>	Her Father <u>Hansell B. Hopper</u> Mother's Maiden Name <u>Serena A. Farmer</u>

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<u>Fred Hansell Davis</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>Dolly Marshall</u>	Birth			1884				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
2	<u>Russell Sage Davis</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>Ella J. Griffin</u>	Birth			19 May 1890				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
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8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

## OBITUARIES

(From records of Helen Deveny)

James T. Hopper

Mr. James Hopper, an old citizen of this neighborhood and well known by many old settlers in this vicinity, died at Clarence, Missouri, Dec. 1, 1870, after being confined to his bed for three months.

He was born June 20, 1806 in Claiborne County, ~~Tennessee~~ and while a lad was removed to Warren County, Tenn., where he matured to manhood. In June, 1828, he was married to Miss Drucilla Byars, of the same county. In November 1839 he moved to Adams County, Illinois. Oct. 7, 1853, his wife, Drucilla, died, leaving eleven children and husband to mourn their loss. Two infant children passed away previous to the mother; seven sons and four daughters were with the mother to bid her adieu.

In 1854 he was married to Nancy K. Burk, this being his second marriage. The fruits of this union being three sons. A 15, 1856, he moved to Shelby County, Missouri, where he lived the remainder of his days.

Twelve of his children were present to see the dear father laid away to await the first resurrection over which the second death shall have no power.

Pinkney Hopper (son of James T. Hopper)

Died Oct. 3, 1909

He was born in Virginia near Point Pleasant, the 22 April in the year 1838. The year following his birth the family moved to Montgomery County, Kentucky, at which place he lived but a few months; the same year during the fall months of September and October, they emigrated overland to Adams County, Illinois at which place he lived his boyhood. In the year of 1856, when he was between seventeen and eighteen years of age, in company with one other brother, emigrated again westward into Shelby County, Missouri, where they blocked out homes for themselves, and then returned to his former home in Illinois and there married Sarah Elizabeth Jefferson, at her father's home, on the 28 day of Feb., 1859, and in company with his bride, they returned to their western home, and there have lived the long, happy wedded life of fifty years. celebrating their fiftieth year Feb. 28th, 1909. To their union were born two girls and six boys. Five boys and two girls are left to mourn the loss of this loving father; one boy having died in infancy. Out of a family of fifteen brothers and sisters, of

Pinkney Hopper (continued)

which this beloved brother numbered, seven brothers and two s i s t e r s still survive him.

He spent his life dutifully and lovingly with his family, with the exception of three years, ten months and ten days, which he gave to the service of his country in the Civil War of the sixties. He enlisted on the 12th day of August, 1862, in Company 2, 119 Illinois Infantry; and was honorably discharged the 22nd of June 1865.

He was an honorary member of the Grand Army of the Republic, following the Civil War; as also the last surviving charter member of the Odd-Fellows Lodge of Hagers Grove, and, a brother of forth faithful years in the Lodge 305 A.F. and A.M. of Masons.

John L. Hopper (son of James T. Hopper and my great-grandfather)

John L. Hopper was born Dec. 2, 1833, near McMinnville, Tenn. in Warren County. His parents moved to Virginia when he was five years old. After one year's residence there the family moved to Kentucky and made a season's stop. Then they migrated to what was then the frontier, in Illinois, near Clayton in 1839. They settled on one of the most beautiful and fertile farms in Adams County, which had two wonderful springs flowing out of the same hillside, within ten feet of each other; one an iron, the other sulphur water. A cabin was reared with in twenty feet of these. This was the home of the deceased until 1878.

In March of 1853 he was married to Miss Nancy J. Anderson of Brown County, and moved upon the old homestead, his father having moved to Shelby County, Mo. He added to these acres and improved a beautiful home in which he raised four children, three of whom with the wife survive him. Two daughters, Mrs. John T. Curry of Kirksville, Mo., Mrs. Francis Hughson of Chicago, Illinois, and the son James B. of Lawson, Mo. The elder son Thomas died in 1885. The deceased has lived since 1878 in Missouri. A disease of the heart developed which had been contracted during the war of the Rebellion in which he served the Union in Co. I, 119 Reg., Illinois Infantry Volunteers. In 1893 dropsy developed as a result of the heart trouble, which has been the cause for ten years of suffering, and which has at last overcome

a nature strong in willpower to live and master all conditions of reverse and disease.

On the 10th day of June 1904, at 7:30 P.M. he succumbed to a great Master, after ten weeks of confinement to his bed, aged 70 years, 6 months and 9 days. Eight brothers and three sisters survive. The remains were laid to rest in the old family cemetery north of Clarence, Mo., Sunday at eleven o'clock after very appropriate services by Reverend Calvin.

#### Another Pioneer is Called.

Harrel B. Hopper, son of James and Drucilla Hopper, was born Setp. 6, 1830 near McMinnville, Warren County, Tenn. His parents moved to Virginia when he was eight years of age. After one year's residence there, the family moved to Kentucky and stopped for one season. Then they emigrated to what was then the frontier, in Illinois, near Clayton in 1839. He was of a family of fifteen children consisting of four sisters, seven brothers and three half brothers. Only one sister and three brothers are still living.

On June 6, 1853 he was married to Serena A. Farmer. To them were born ten children: Rozina, Henry, Solomon, Chatham, Herschel, Stephen, Agnes, Howard, Virginia and Laura. None are living excepting Chatham of Stamford, Nebraska, Mrs. Agnes Davis of Clayton and Mrs. Virginia Chapman of Timewell. On account of the illness of Mr. Hopper, he and his wife were removed to the home of their daughter Mrs. E. S. Davis May 22, 1918. Had they remained on the old homestead until June 6, they would have lived in that one farm continuously for sixty years. They had labored together through sunshine and rain through joy and through sorrow until their lives and natures were almost one. Their memories would go back to the old pioneer days when they began to fight life's battles together and recalling the many experiences which were theirs as they journeyed along through the years until they came to realize the fruits of their labors, and their posterity could know the significance of the words Father, Mother and Home.

For several years he has suffered from an affection of the kidneys and bladder and for the nine months preceding his death he has suffered intensely. He had been a man of good habits and with a strong constitution he held on to life tenaciously, battling against disease with a power that is seldom shown. He lived to a ripe old age, loved and respected by all who knew him. He passed away Dec. 15, 1913, aged

883 years 88 months and 199 days.. The body was laid to rest Wednesday afternoon in the Howe's Cemetery after appropriate services conducted by Rev. T. A. Aspy, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Davis, north east of town.

FAMILY GROUP No. 8 Husband's Full Name Moses Hopper

This Information Obtained From: Mrs. Jessalee Nash, Hollister, Mo.  
 Mrs. Floyd Smith Harrison, Ark.  
 "A Reminiscent History of the Ozark Region" Ramfree Press, Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
 1950 Census for Warren Co. Tennessee

Husband's Date Birth 1802 City, Town or Place Pulaski Co. Ky. or N. Carolina County or Province, etc. State or Country Add. Info. on Husband  
 Chr'nd Mar.  
 Death Nov. 1862 Killed by Southern Bushwhackers near Harrison, Arkansas  
 Burial

Places of Residence Kentucky, Tennessee; Moved to Arkansas 1851  
 Occupation Farmer Church Affiliation Military Rec.  
 Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.  
 His Father Gilliam Hopper Mother's Maiden Name Nancy Campbell

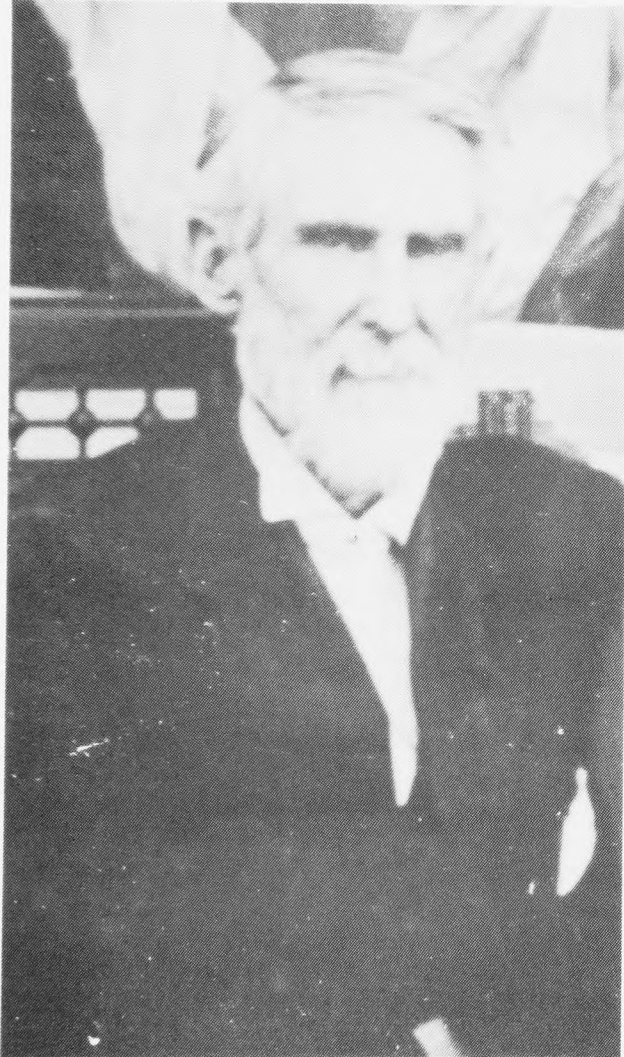
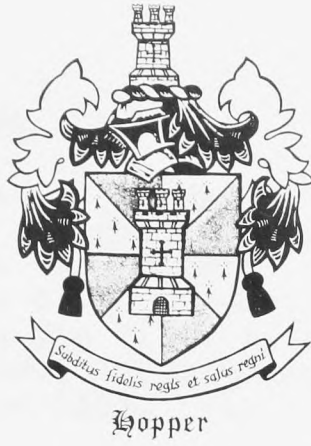
Wife's Full Maiden Name Rebecca Hicks  
 Wanda Hopper Chase  
 Wife's Date Birth 1804 City, Town or Place Virginia or Tennessee County or Province, etc. State or Country Add. Info. on Wife  
 Chr'nd  
 Death Oct. 1862  
 Burial

Compiler Otha J. Hopper  
 Address Route # 1, Box 614  
 City, State Springfield, Mo.  
 Date 1979  
 Places of Residence  
 Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation  
 Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.  
 Her Father Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Archibald W. Hopper Full Name of Spouse* Harriette Crook Hopper Leona 1824	Birth	Aug. 5	1824		Warren County Tennessee			Confederate soldier
		Mar.							
		Death	Fed. 3,	1912					Wife born
		Burial				Alpena, Arkansas			Wife died 1-11-1915 11-30-1830
2	Nancy Hopper Full Name of Spouse* Hiram Cantrell	Birth		1826					
		Mar.							
		Death	9-20-	1880					
		Burial							
3	William B. Hopper Full Name of Spouse* Mary A. Koger	Birth	2 April	1828		Warren County Tennessee			Confederate soldier
		Mar.	17 Oct.	1851					
		Death	12 July	1893		Camanche or Pratt Co. Kansas			
		Burial							
4	Eliza Hopper Full Name of Spouse* Luke Holmes	Birth		1830					
		Mar.							
		Death		1902					
		Burial				Polk Co. Mo			
5	James Ioun Hopper Full Name of Spouse* Millie Heshazo 1840-1907	Birth	3 Jan.	1832		Warren Co. Tenn.			Union Capt.
		Mar.		1856					Served in
		Death	28 Mch.	1916					Ark. Legis-
		Burial				Speer-Hopper Cemetary Harrison, Arkansas			lature 1868
6	Paralee Hopper Full Name of Spouse* Mc Gormick Washington T.	Birth		1834		Warren Co. Tenn.			
		Mar.							
		Death		1900					
		Burial				Gobbler's Knob Cemetary 2 1/2 Miles N. Branson, Mo.			
7	Elvira Jane Hopper Full Name of Spouse* Joseph H. Speer	Birth	27 June	1836		Warren Co. Tenn.			
		Mar.	13 Feb.	1859					
		Death	18 June	1901					
		Burial				Speer-Hopper Cemetary Harrison, Arkansas			
8	(Gillum) Gilliam Hopper Full Name of Spouse* Prudie C. McCormick 1851-1910	Birth	11 Apr.	1841		Warren Co. Tenn.			Union Capt.
		Mar.		1870					
		Death		1926					
		Burial				Speer-Hopper Cemetary Harrison, Arkansas			
9	Ruth B. Hopper Full Name of Spouse* Wm. Henry Thomason	Birth				Warren Co. Tenn.			
		Mar.							
		Death	30 June	1878					
		Burial				Speer-Hopper Cemetary Harrison, Arkansas			
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.





*Captain James Townsend Hopper 1832-1916    Captain Gillum Hopper 1841-1926*  
*Sons of Moses Hopper 1802-1862*  
*Grand Sons of Gilliam Hopper 1776-1848*



## CAPTAIN JAMES T. HOPPER

This gentleman is one of the very oldest residents of Boone County, Arkansas, and resided in this vicinity long before such a town as Harrison was thought of. He is a product of Warren County, Tennessee, his birth occurring on his parents' farm January 3, 1832, being the fifth in a family of nine children born to Moses and Rebecca (Hicks) Hopper, the former of whom was born in Kentucky in 1802. His father, Gilliam Hopper, was born in England.

Upon coming to this country, Gilliam settled first in Virginia, then in North Carolina, then in Kentucky, and finally in Tennessee. He was a Democrat, as was also Moses Hopper, and the latter was, like his father, a tiller of the soil.

Moses was a man of education, was liberal, generous and high minded, prior to his death, which occurred in 1862, he became possessed of a comfortable competency. He was killed by bushrangers near Harrison, in Boone County, Arkansas, on account of his Union principles, although he took no active part in the war. He was very charitably inclined, and is still gratefully remembered by many a poor man whom he generously assisted along the hard pathway of life.

Moses came thither from Tennessee in 1851, and made a good home one mile north of Harrison. His wife was a daughter of Archibald Hicks, a Virginian by birth, who at an early day became a resident of Tennessee, where he died. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, and is supposed to have been with Jackson at New Orleans.

Mrs. Hopper was born in 1804, and died in 1862, shortly before her husband was killed. She became the mother of nine children, all of whom reached maturity, six being still alive:

1. Archibald Hopper -Living on Long Creek, Boone Co.,Ark.
2. Nancy Hopper -married Hiram Cantrell, of Tennessee died in this County in 1881 or 1882.
3. William Hopper -died 12 July 1893, having been a successful stock dealer in Kansas.
4. Eliza Hopper -wife of Luke Holmes, of Polk Co.,Mo.
5. James T. Hopper -
6. Paralee Hopper -wife of W. McCormick, Taney Co., Mo.
7. Jane Elvira Hopper -wife of Joseph Speer of this Co.
8. Gillum Hopper -living one and one-half miles East of Harrison, Arkansas.
9. Ruth Hopper -wife of Henry Thomason, of this County, died in 1879.

The mother of these children was an active worker in and member of the Methodist Church, was a woman of Christian fortitude and bravely bore her share of the hardships and privations of life in a new and unbroken country. She and her husband reared their children to industrious manhood and womanhood, and left them with a competency at the time of their death.

Captain James T. Hopper spent his early life and school days in his native county in Tennessee, and after coming to Arkansas, entered Fayetteville College. After leaving school at the age of nineteen, he began to do for himself, and embarked in the raising of stock.

In 1859 he married and located on a farm on which a portion of the town of Harrison, Arkansas now stands, which portion is known as Hopper's addition. This farm comprised 100 acres on Crooked Creek, and Mr. Hopper was successfully engaged in tilling it for many years before the town was founded.

In 1862 he was commissioned a recruiting officer by Colonel Johnson, of the First Arkansas Infantry, was located at Springfield, Missouri, and operated in southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas. He was in a number of spirited engagements in Carroll County, Arkansas.

After the war, the Captain came home and located on his farm, and is now living in a handsome and comfortable home, probably one of the finest in the County. The entire farm is laid out in town lots, and a large portion of it has been built up. At various times he has also been engaged in merchandising, and he is now giving considerable of his time to the milling business. His mill being known as the "Little Jersey", and is located on Crooked Creek, whose waters operate it. It is fitted up with the Buhr system and has a capacity of seven barrels per day.

Besides the property above mentioned, he has a good farm in the country and a tract of timber and grazing land, besides a large amount of stock.

Captain James T. Hopper has always been a Republican in politics, and his first presidential vote was cast for Bell, of Tennessee. He held the office of registrar during the reconstruction period, and was elected to represent Carroll County in the State Legislature, and while a member of that body introduced a bill for the division of Carroll County, and Boone County was formed. He was a member of the assembly of 1868-69, has always been interested in public affairs, and is liberal in his support

of worthy causes. He is a member of the A.F. & A.M., and he and his wife, whom he married in 1859, and whose maiden name was Millie Deshazo, are members of the Christian Church. She is a daughter of James and Nancy (Turbyville) Deshazo, the former of whom became a resident of this county before the war, and was killed in 1863, while serving in the Confederate Army. He was born in Tennessee about 1799, and became a resident of Arkansas in 1851, his wife's death occurring in this county in 1886, her birth having occurred in 1809.

Mr. Deshazo was of French extraction and he and his wife were members of the Christian Church. Their children were as follows:

1. Mary Deshazo -deceased wife of Perry Magness.
- 2, Benjamin Deshazo -soldier of the Confederate Army, deceased.
3. Elizabeth Deshazo -resides in this county, wife of John Baker.
4. Allen Deshazo -killed in Mountain Meadow Massacre by the Mormons.
5. Eliza Deshazo -died in 1867, wife of Wm. Patts.
6. Richard Deshazo -died while serving in Confederate Army.
7. Millie Deshazo -Mrs. James T. Hopper.
8. Bird Deshazo -soldier in Union Army, killed in Texas in May, 1889.
9. Docia Deshazo -wife of Thomas Bains, of Harrison, Ark.
10. Garrett Deshazo -resides in Harrison.
11. Tennessee Deshazo -wife of Dennis Mosely, Harrison, Ark.
12. Victoria Deshazo -resides in this county, wife of William Straud.

Captain James T. Hopper began the battle of life as a school teacher, and in every occupation to which he has given his attention, he met with the best of success.

His business career has been marked by the most honorable methods. He has been charitable, public-spirited and law-abiding, and he fully deserves the respect and esteem which is accorded him by all who knew him.

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## CAPTAIN GILLIAM HOPPER

There is no greater pleasure for the hand and pen of historian or biographer to perform than in recording the life and achievements of a man who, through his own unaided efforts, has secured a comfortable competency and the general acknowledgment of being an honest man and esteemed citizen.

Gilliam Hopper, whose success in life is the result of honesty, industry and good management on his part, first saw the light in Warren County, Tennessee, in 1841. His parents, Moses and Rebecca (Hicks) Hopper, were natives of Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively, the former born in 1802 and the latter in 1804. When a lad, Moses went with his parents to Tennessee, grew to manhood there, and was married in Cannon County, Tennessee to Miss Hicks. Afterward they located in Warren County, Tennessee, there all their children were born. In 1851 they moved to what is now Boone County, Arkansas, and settled in the woods, one mile northwest of the present town of Harrison. There the father tilled the soil until 1862, when he was killed by bushwhackers, on the farm where our subject now resides. He was a Union man and opposed to secession, but took no part in the war. He was one of the pioneers of this section, and an extensive stock trader. When he first settled in Boone County, it was common for the inhabitants to go fifteen or twenty miles to a house-raising and to visit, etc. The nearest mill was twenty-five miles distant and the nearest trading point, Carrollton, Arkansas. Mr. Hopper was well known and universally respected. His father, Gilliam Hopper, was a native of the Green Isle of Erin, and the latter's wife was of Pennsylvania Dutch origin.

Gilliam Hopper followed farming and trading in Kentucky until his death.

Three weeks after the killing of Moses, Mrs. Hopper, too, passed away. Her father, Archibald O. Hicks, died in Cannon County, Tennessee, where he followed farming very successfully for many years. He was a soldier in the Mexican War, in which he was wounded. Nine children were born to the parents of our subject, and are named in the order of their births, as follows:

1. Archibald W. Hopper -served in the Confederate Army during the war, and is now farming on Long Creek.
2. Nancy Hopper -deceased, wife of Hiram Cantrell.
3. William B. Hopper -died in Pratt County, Kansas.
4. Eliza L. Hopper -wife of Luke P. Holmes of Polk Co.
5. James T. Hopper -one of Harrison's (Ark.) prominent and wealthy citizens.

6. Paralee P. Hopper -wife of Washington P. McCormack, of Taney County, Missouri.
7. Elvira Jane Hopper -wife of Joseph H. Speer, a prominent citizen of Harrison, Arkansas.
8. Gill<sup>um</sup> Hopper -subject of this sketch.
9. Ruth B. Hopper -deceased wife of Wm. H. Thomason.

Captain Gill<sup>um</sup> Hopper was about ten years of age when the parents moved to Boone County, Arkansas, and he was reared amid the rude surroundings of that section. He received only a few months' schooling, and that when but a child, for when he first came to Arkansas there were no schools.

On 1st May, 1861, he went to Springfield, Missouri, soon after engaged in scout duty, which he continued until 1864, and then enlisted in Company "M", Seventy-third Missouri Cavalry. He was in active service as a scout all the time, in Missouri and Arkansas. He was captain of his company under General Sanburn, was always ready for duty, and was never captured nor wounded; that is, he was never severely wounded, although several times struck by balls that drew blood. The captain was as brave an officer as ever commanded a company and had the confidence and respect of all who became acquainted with him. At the close of the war he was discharged at Springfield, Missouri, and remained in that city until 1867, when he returned to Boone County, Arkansas. There he was married in 1870 to Miss Prudie C. McCormick, a native of Webster County, Missouri, and the daughter of Joseph R. McCormick. Captain Hopper's union has been blessed by the birth of ten children:

1. Ida Hopper
2. Nannie Bell Hopper -wife of Prof. Jos. W. Blankenship, who is principal of Marshall Seminary, Marshall, Ark.
3. Lillie Hopper -died young.
4. Bertha M. Hopper -
5. James T. Hopper -
6. Lou Ella Gertrude Hopper -
7. William Carson Hopper -
8. Cora Prudie Hopper -
9. Lester Hopper -died in infancy.
10. Gilliam Carl Hopper.

For sixteen years, Captain Hopper has lived on his present farm of 540 acres, one mile and a half north of Harrison, and he also owns 200 acres in Taney County, Missouri. Nearly 600 acres of his land is under cultivation, and he has it well improved with good buildings, fences, orchards, etc. He purchased 160 acres in 1860, and added to that as he was able. Now he is one of the most extensive stock feeders and shippers in the county. A few years ago, he shipped

seven car loads of cattle and six car loads of hogs at one shipment, the largest single shipment ever made from Boone County, Arkansas. He is a Republican in politics, but not an office seeker, and in religion he is independent.

The Captain has witnessed all the improvements that have been made in the country, and can relate many interesting anecdotes of the pioneer days. About 1854, his elder brother, Captain James T. Hopper, was sent by his father to Springfield with a drove of hogs, and our subject accompanied him as far as Layton's Mill in Taney Co., Missouri, with a load of feed drawn by three yokes of oxen. He was to return to his home from Layton's Mill with a load of lumber.

All went well until he reached what was known as the Central Place, where Omaha, Arkansas now stands, just at dark. Here he stopped to get a drink at the spring, and while there he heard what he thought was a woman crying in distress. He called to her, and was soon confronted by a panther when but a few steps from the wagon.

It did not take him long to get into the wagon, but the panther was close after him. Seizing the whip, the only weapon he had, he began beating the animal with all his force. The attack was continued from one side of the wagon to the other, but the whipstock was used with such skill and force, that the panther's attacks were of no avail. There was no settlement for several miles, and the battle continued until about two o'clock in the morning, when Captain Gill<sup>um</sup> Hopper reached the place where Burlington now stands, and stopped at the house of Redden Mattox to put up for the night. He called to the latter and told him he had been attacked by a panther, but Mr. Mattox came out laughing and made fun of him. He changed his mind a moment later and made a rush for the house followed by Gill. They did not venture out again, but left the oxen with the yokes on all night. By morning, the animal had disappeared and Captain Hopper was permitted to reach home without molestation.

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## MOSES HOPPER

In 1842 Carroll County was further reduced in size by the creation of Newton County, but in spite of this, just two years later, in 1844, there were over one thousand families in the reduced county. The tax returns for that year showed five hundred five polls. There were 8,966 acres on the tax book for that year and the total assessed property valuation was \$119,009. Forty-two families in the county assessed a total of ninety-eight slaves. The only two families in the county who had more than two or three slaves were the Sneeds and Fanchers. Some others who brought slaves with them to this vicinity were Beverly Crump, John C. Crump, John Wagley, Abraham Watkins, Jack Baker, Mrs. Allie Holt, George Rowland, Moses Hopper, Ceiaf (Ceaf) Robinson, Dave Trotter and Richard Wright.

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Page 76, 77, 78. Already plans had been drawn that would punish in full the unrepentant rebels. The feelings of these men soon came to light when Congress acted by imposing reconstruction under military rule. By this plan the south was divided into five military districts, Arkansas and Mississippi composed the fourth. General Ord was placed in charge of the Fourth District with C. H. Smith in charge of the sub-district of Arkansas.

The political reconstruction of the state started with the registration of the voters under the watchful eyes of the Army. The boards of registration in each county were composed of two army officers and one "respectable citizen". The test of respectability was willingness to register all negroes and the whites with known Union sentiments, and refuse registration to former Confederates. The registrar for Carroll County was TOWN HOPPER, who lived on the present site of the Harrison High School; Crooked Creek was one of the designated places for registration. A few former Confederates presented themselves to the board but were turned down. Word of this spread over the neighborhood and tempers flared, especially when it became known that all the negroes were being registered. This was a humiliation greater than they would bear. Soon the former Confederates were moving from house to house talking to others. The following day one hundred men had been alerted, who were willing to take steps that might well reach drastic retaliation. At an appointed place men assembled, all carrying muskets, squirrel rifles or pistols, then they rode toward Crooked Creek, their faces hard and defiant. Riding at the head of the company was Capt. Joe Bailey, the man under whom most of them had served. Just across the creek from the present town of Harrison they halted. Union troops stood guard around the registration place a few hundred yards away. Both forces nervously fingered their weapons. The Confederates knew that open war could only lead to their destruction, but they also knew that they must carry through in some manner. Even as the Federals took up defense positions, two of the former Confederates left the main troop and rode across the creek. One was young, large and fair haired, the other was older and mature. The Union guards recognized the young man as Dan Johnson- they knew him to be reckless and ruthless. The older man who rode beside him was Nat Rowland of Twin Springs (now Valley Springs). It was plain to see

that the two men were wearing regulation pistols (navies). They halted several yards away, dismounted from their horses and walked by the guards to the registration officials. We've come to register[" Dan Johnson said, as he stopped before the registrars. The officials hesitated a moment, then one of them spoke as though to remonstrate. The two Confederates stood with their hands near their pistols. "We'll register, or our navies will register." Dan spoke hard and cold. "And if they register," he continued, "There'll be some blue bellies elected to Hell[" The registration officers pushed the papers and pencils toward them and the two men registered as voters. Turning on their heels they went back to their horses and rejoined the men across the creek. Slowly the Confederate troops disbanded, and the most dangerous post-war crisis in this area passed without bloodshed. We probably have the Union registrar to thank for this, for he either reasoned that these two registrations could not affect the election, or he figured if a fight ensued he was likely to be the first man to die. At any rate, the Confederates had shown that they would oppose a punitive reconstruction, even to the point of open defiance.

Governor Clayton was the Republican reconstruction Governor of the state. His right hand man in this area was Capt. Henry W. Fick.

Page 84, 85, 86. Though Fick did associate in a social way with former Confederates, he was a strict party man in so far as following the line laid down by the Radical League was concerned. He had his circle of political followers, who remained in the political saddle so long as Clayton's regime lasted.

Two of Fick's most trusted political followers were James T. (Town) Hopper and Gillum Hopper, his brother. They had come to Crooked Creek in [85] with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Hopper, and had settled just north of the present location of Maple Wood Cemetery. During the first year of the war, Moses Hopper was killed by irregular southern troops because of his known Union sympathies, even though Hopper was a civilian. Following this, Town Hopper went to Springfield, Missouri and asked Colonel Johnson of the First Arkansas Infantry for a commission to recruit Union troops in Northwest Arkansas. He received this commission and under authority of it recruited in the area until the end of the war. It was alleged that this authority was used to clothe bushwhacking activities by himself and his men. If this is true, he no doubt justified his actions on the grounds it being a retaliation for the murder of his father. However, Town's older brother, Archibald,

did not seem to hold the same sentiments in the matter for he served throughout the war in the Confederate Army. After Town returned from service he settled on the tract of land just south of Captain Fick's property, and there, on the present location of the Harrison High School, he built his home.

Gill<sup>um</sup> Hopper also served in the Union Army during the last year of the war. Prior to this he acted as scout for Federal Forces in Northwest Arkansas. From 1864 to 1865 he was an enlisted man in Company M, Seventy-third Missouri Cavalry. I have heard many allocations about Town's and Gill's activities during the war, but I cannot say with any degree of certainty just how much of their activities were in the line of regular duty and what portion, if any, was as irregulars. It is a topic that has been discussed some in my family. My Grandfather was, having served in the Confederate Army and his family having suffered greatly at the hands of bushwhackers, had his version. The other side of my family had a different version. My Great Grandfather, Elisha B. Rose, who was appointed Federal Registrar for this county when Town Hopper became State Senator, was an uncle of the Hopper boys. He and my Grandfather, William G. Rose, held Town and Gil in high esteem. As a matter of fact during the war they were associated with them in the cattle business. However, my Confederate relatives always contended that the cattle they handled together during the war were the ones taken from the families in Northwest Arkansas. Here I am caught between the two opposing versions and will not commit myself, therefore, the reader must make up his own mind on the basis of the facts I have set forth.

In addition to the Hoppers, who were two of Fick's closest political allies, others who worked hand-in-glove with the same clique were D. B. Jernigan and W. W. Jernigan, and Isaac Moore, who was Fick's son-in-law. The Jernigan brothers ran a hotel here about the time Harrison was born out of the Crooked Creek community.

The Radical League ruled for the next few years, but it cannot be said that their reign was peaceful. Much of the time they met stubborn resistance in every move they made and many of them lived in constant fear of being slain from ambush. Sometimes the former Confederates resorted to violence, but more often they provoked incidents that would make the governing group seem ridiculous in the eyes of the people.

Page 94. As we approached the close of the 1860's we can see that the seed of a new Leadership was being sown. In the beginning the people had been led by calm, sagacious men. The reconstruction had brought opportunists in its wake.

Now in the hour of deep despair, the people were rallying to those who were willing to defy the unwanted leadership. In the first period there had been William W. Watkins, Beal Gaither, William Mitchell and others. Then came Fick, the Hoppers and the Jernigans. Now the people had begin to rally to Captain Pace, Sam Peel, George J. Crump, Joe Bailey - those who were willing to carry the fight against the hated carpetbagger regime.

Page 95 thru 99. It was in an era of defiance, discord and bitter hatred that Boone County and Harrison were born. They were both by-products of a struggle for power between opposing factions and it is hard to conceive of more unfavorable conditions under which a political sub-division might be created. The two opposing factions were the Radical Republican League and the Conservative Democrats. During the administration of Governor Isaac Murphy many conservatives, even men who had rebelled against the United States, were elected to state office. But when military reconstruction began, those who came to power were committed to a policy of complete subjugation of the rebels, and it soon became apparent that there would be many changes in federal, state and county officials. The first step in this direction had been accomplished in taking control of the registration and election machinery. In the election that followed in 1868, J. T. (Town) Hopper became senator from Carroll County. Senator Hopper's most important legislation was a bill to create Boone County.

The county was created from territory taken off the east side of Carroll County. Six years later a small strip was added from the west side of Marion County. Hopper's bill had little difficulty passing both house and senate, and on April 9, 1869 Governor Clayton signed the bill into law. Thus we can see that Boone County owes its conception to a former Union soldier, and its birth to the carpetbagger legislature. After the conception and birth it received the benign blessing of Arkansas' reconstruction Governor.

The set which created the county was Act LXX of 1869. The title of this act reads as follows: "An Act to Organize and Establish the County of Boone, and for Other Purposes."

There has long been a belief that the original intention was to name the county "Boon." - However, we are faced with the indisputable fact that the act itself spells the name "Boone"; also the Arkansas Gazette for April 9, 1869 carried a story of the creation of the new county, and it was there stated that the name was given in honor of Daniel Boone. The idea that the county was first spelled "Boon" came about by reason of a letter written by Senator Hopper. In this communication the senator stated that the county was well named for it would certainly be a "boon" to the

people of this area. This letter would read in part as follows: "The natural and beautiful views created a wild and romantic scenery which suggested the same "Boon." There is another fact that adds credence to the story of the different spelling at the beginning. The name of the first paper printed in the county by Thomas Newman was "Boon County Advocate". It is quite possible that there was some misunderstanding at the time whether the county was meant to be "Boon" or "Boone", but regardless of what the intention or feeling of the people might have been, the act itself created "Boone County" spelled with the "E".

Page 97. Act LXX also provided that the "temporary seat of justice of said county shall be at the store-house of H. W. Fick, in Jackson township, until located as hereinafter provided". In this manner, Senator Hopper favored Captain Fick, and Hopper then looked after his own interests in the next section of the act, which read in part as follows: "All county and township officers, heretofore elected in the County of Carroll, who may fall within the limits of the County of Boone, shall be and remain officers in said county (Boone) until the next general election."

The act then provided for a special election the following August to elect all other officers and to name commissioners, one from each township, who would locate the permanent seat of justice. It here specified that "said seat of justice shall be permanently located as near the center of said county as eligible location may be found, not to exceed six miles from the ascertained center thereof.

The establishment of Boone County was destined to completely change the history of this area. It meant a radical readjustment in the political structure of Carroll County. Heretofore the formation of Madison and Newton Counties had not seriously disturbed the seat of government at Carrollton, but when Boone County was created the line ran just a short distance east of the town. Immediately Berryville began agitating for removal of the county seat to that town, and it was evident from the first that sooner or later this would be done. In 1875 the final blow fell on Carrollton, when Berryville became the seat of Carroll County government. With this, Carrollton ceased to be the center of political life and culture for this area, and thus after forty years of dominance, this historic town began a slow disintegration.

Soon after the county was formed, it became evident

that this was only part of the plan worked out by Fick and Hopper, and bit by bit the rest of the scheme began to unfold. Fick had envisioned a city on the banks of Crooked Creek. As luck would have it, there was at this very time a civil engineer in the vicinity. The engineer was a former Union Army Colonel by the name of N. LaRue Harrison. At Fick's request, Colonel Harrison surveyed a townsite on the banks of the crooked little stream.

In the meantime, Captain Fick had obtained the appointment as postmaster at Crooked Creek. This was done by discontinuing the office on February 8, 1867, thereby automatically relieving Postmaster Baines of his position. (As stated before, Baines had returned to the position of postmaster from service in the Confederate Army). Then the Crooked Creek office was reestablished February 4, 1868; the location was changed to Fick's store and Fick was named postmaster. On February 7, 1870, Fick had the name of the office changed to Harrison, to partially show his appreciation to the young engineer for surveying the town.

Page 104. Though Rush, Town Hopper and Isaac Moore owned large tracts of land in town, Fick seemed to be a more aggressive salesman, for almost a fourth of the land sales in Boone County during the first two years of its existence were by him.

Page 14]. Background. The railroad came in in 1901. The white laborers began to build up friction between themselves and the negroes. Cases were reported of negro man speaking disrespectful to white women and when a white laundress gave birth to mulatto twins, anger mounted. A colored boy was arrested for the rape of a white woman and was found guilty and sentenced to hang. Years before a mob had hanged a negro to a large oak tree on the bank of Crooked Creek. The legal hanging that took place a short distance from the prior hanging served to recall all the past infractions of the colored people. That night mobs formed and went thru the colored section. Sometimes using the lash, they told all negroes that hereafter "no Nigger better let the sun go down on 'em."

Quote from the book: Many negroes left that very night and made their way on foot to Eureka Springs, Springfield or Fayetteville. Some of the older ones remained for a few days, hurt and dejected. They knew no other home. They and their parents had been brought here by their white people, and now they had no place to turn. Surely their white friends would find some way for them to stay. Unfortunately there was little that the better class of white folk could do for them. The poor whites had found someone upon whom they could vent their suppressed hatreds. In a few days

most of the older Negroes had moved on too, but a few families remained here as late as 1909. One old Negro woman, called Aunt Vine, but who insisted her name was Alacta Caledonia Melvina Smith, remained with her white people, the James A. Wilsons, until her death in 1914. Aunt Vine often said that she was "the best niggah evah bawn, cus all de rest was run off". Since Aunt Vine died no colored people have made their home in Harrison, and in spite of this inglorious chapter in our history some are wont to brag of our "all white" population.

Only a few years ago I received a letter from one of Harrison's former colored citizens. The letter was from Wtonga, Oklahoma, dated October 12, 1952, and was addressed to the Postmaster, Harrison, Arkansas. After I had read it, I felt humble and penitent for the crime my race had committed against him. I would like to give you his letter and his "Recollections" exactly as I received them: "Dear Sir:

"It has been my desire to hear from someone in Harrison, Arkansas. Some time ago I had set down in writing some of my recollections there in my early days, a copy of which is enclosed herein. I have heard that all of the colored residents were forced out of town some years ago over a criminal attack by a colored boy on a white girl in which the colored boy was lynched. (sic) I am curious to know whether there are any colored people now living in Harrison, Arkansas. I would appreciate hearing from you or any other person there in Harrison. If there are any of the people that I mentioned in the enclosed statement, I would be pleased to hear from them also and I would appreciate it if you would let them see this letter.

Very truly yours, Signed S.P.Porter

RECOLLECTIONS OF S.P.PORTER OF HIS EARLY LIFE IN  
HARRISON, ARKANSAS

I was born in Harrison, Arkansas, on January 10, 1875. I was named after Seef Parker who was the Sheriff of Harrison, Ark., for many years. My mother's name was Mary Porter who did housework for people in Harrison. I live in Watonga, Okla., where I have resided since 1906. I feel I have done very well as an uneducated colored boy growing up in the first generation following the Civil War in this part of the nation. At present I own two business locations and eleven residential houses in Watonga and one quarter section of land northwest of Watonga. I am still in reasonably good health for my age and manage all of my property; besides I have no indebtedness and a few "sheckles" in the bank.



When I was a boy, the courthouse was built on a Square and the town surrounded it. The King Bank and the Post Office were located on the North side of the Courthouse Square. On the East side of the Square was a grocery and dry goods store owned by W. H. Schwitzler. Next door was the hotel which was built by one of the Speer boys. I was the first porter who worked in that hotel and worked there for one or two years. South of the hotel was a two story building which was an open saloon, next door was a small res-aurant operated by a foreigner, next building was Dr. Kirby, next was a Bank of Norris Garvin's who married one of George Crump's daughters. Next door south was Joe Baker's father next was Bob Rush who lived across the street from Rush Springs. The Bower Brothers had a wagon and buggy shop west of there.

George Crump was one of the biggest lawyers there. W. H. Schwitzler lived two or three miles west of town on a big ranch. West of him was a man from Kentucky, a rather old fellow. I also knew Gil Hopper and his brother Town Hopper. They both had plenty of money. Gil Hopper lived three miles north of town on a big ranch. He raised and bought many head of cattle. I worked for him for a period of several years following a walking plow for 50 cents a day. Mr. Hopper had a tendency to drink a bit too much on occasion but was a great friend of the colored people and many times stayed at their homes when in town. Town Hopper had a large home, like a mansion in town. I also knew Dr. Vance who married one of George Crump's daughters.

I was in Harrison when one of the biggest painters from St. Louis fell out of the window of the Courthouse and broke his neck. I was there when there were lots of colored people there. Colored boys and white boys went swimming together just like anybody and when they came out we usually had our nickle and dime dice games. I was there when the Fairgrounds were built and saw the first race held there. Right north of the Fairgrounds was the cemetery. All of my folks are buried there. I would like to go down there and see if I could find their graves. I have been told that all colored people have been run out of Harrison. I would like to know if that is true at this time.

I was born and reared there and went to school in a little log schoolhouse. I wish it was so that there were colored people there now for I would give thousands of dollars to help them. I was there when Viney Morton lived west of the white schoolhouse. Years and years ago she came down the street preaching and singing to the white people. White people made fun of her and thought she was crazy. She would say, "See all those

wagons, horses and buggies tied around the Courthouse, some of these days there will not be any of that. There will be horseless chariots running up and down these streets and there will be men flying in the air just like birds." (This was before there were any automobiles) I was there when Capt. Dick was County Treasurer for years and years. I was also there when a fellow robbed the County Treasurer, son-in-law of Bob Rush. Jud Schwitzler had a farm right at the corner of town and the farm north of there lived an old man named Gossit. I knew both of them well.

I sure regret that there are no colored people living there, but I still think more of the State of Arkansas than I do of any State in the Union. If there are any colored people and they have a colored school, I would give at least \$25,000.00.

I left there in 1892 when I was seventeen years old and came to Oklahoma"

Signed: S. P. Porter

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A VISIT WITH REV. EVERETT FAULKNER  
By Coy Logan

Everett Faulkner was born on a farm about two miles north of Harrison, Arkansas, November 24, 1879. His father was James Faulkner and his mother was Pamly Hopper Faulkner. The Faulkners and Hoppers came from Central Tennessee at an early date.

Mr. Faulkner says his grandfather Arch Hopper built the first Court House at Carrollton. He says he heard his grandfather tell this many times. He built it by contract.

According to information by Bradley Bunch, the County seat of Carroll County was located at Carrollton in 1835. He says the first court house was built of hewn logs and was about twenty feet square, covered with clapboards. It had two doors and one window, and the floor was loose plank sawn with a whipsaw.

In Boyd Johnson's story of Carrollton he says the government established a post office at Carrollton on July 29, 1834.

Carroll County was created in 1833. The seat of justice was at the residence of William Sneed Jr. until permanently located. John Blair, Barnett Cheatham and Henry Keys were appointed commissioners to locate a permanent County Seat and to erect a Court House.

By 1837, the Commissioners had completed a temporary Court House on one corner of the public square. It was built of logs, two stories in height and was about twenty feet square. A large chimney was used to heat the building. The roof was made of heavy boards sawed with a whipsaw.

Carrollton's second public building was the county jail, completed in 1840. It was about twenty feet square and two stories high. The contractor was James C. Cheney of Osage.

The second court house was of brick, built 1844-45 and cost \$3,000.00. Since it was intended as a permanent building, it was placed in the center of the square. Contractors were Louis Rains and William Young.

The Hopper family was divided in the war. Arch Hopper (Grandfather of Everett) and Will Hopper went with the Confederate cause. J. T. (Town) and Gillum joined the Union forces, and served with General Price's army. Uncle Will bought cattle and took them to Kansas. He became

quite wealthy. It was said that he accumulated approximately \$100,000.

Mr. Faulkner says his great grandfather was killed at his breakfast table. He died with food in his mouth. This was on Terrapin Creek about 3 miles east of Carrollton. Grandfather Hopper moved from Harrison to this location before the war.

Arch Hopper was forced to join the army. He knew he would be killed if he didn't. So, he joined the Confederate Army. The family lived on Terrapin Creek east of Carrollton at this time. On one occasion the Federal soldiers took all their corn. They caught his grandmother's geese and cut their heads off. At one time his grandmother shelled corn and put it in a hogshead and hid it under a post oak tree up on the mountain side. She hid some bacon out in the garden under a pumpkin vine.

Everett's mother who was four years old was playing in the yard when she found a rag of calico. She came in and said, "mother take this and hide it, the 'Feds' will get it."

Grandmother hitched a horse and steer together and took corn to the mill at Bellfonte.

Charlie Yeager went up on Pilot Knob and from this point he counted fourteen houses burning at one time.

When the Union troops were in the Hopper home, one took a shovel full of live coals and threw them on grandmother's feather bed. The officer saw a Masonic ritual and asked, "Is your husband a Mason?" The mother said, "Yes, my husband is a Mason." The officer turned to the men and said, "Boys, put out the fire, I am not going to burn a Brother Mason's home."

In 1866 Uncle J. T. (Town) Hopper was elected to the senate from Carroll County. Father, Arch, still at this time was not allowed to vote because of his part with the Confederate Army. J. T. (Town) got legislation to form Boone County. He bought up the land around Harrison when it didn't cost much. Later he sold it in town lots and got rich after getting Harrison made the County Seat.

Grace's Grandfather, Mr. Shipman, was killed at the Battle of Poison Spring near Camden. (Grace is the wife of Mr. Faulkner.)

Mr. Faulkner says his grandfather and Grace's Uncle Patton Kirkpatrick were with General Price at the close of the war. They each got a pony when they were discharged. On the long journey home they ate wild dewberries and blackberries to keep alive. When they came by the Charlie Sneed place they smelled some food cooking in the home and they started vomiting right in the road.

Some time after the war there was a family gathering of the family in a Harrison hotel. J. T. (Town) was there. Joe Speer asked Arch how it happened that he joined the Confederate Army when Town and Gillum joined the Union Army. Arch said, "You see it was this way, "Will and I were born in the big house with the white folks. J.T.(Town) and Gillum were raised in the kitchen with the Niggers."

After the Confederates were allowed to vote, W. W. Watkins was in the race for office. It was generally known that he drank whiskey. Everyone knew Aunt Cresie Easter was bitterly opposed to drinking but she was talking in favor of Watkins because he was on her side. Some one asked if she was for Watkins realizing her strong convictions against drinking. She said "I am for W. W. Watkins and would be if he was a straddle of a barrel of whiskey."

Uncle J. T. (Town) was in a political race against Hugh A. Dinsmore. The two men were scheduled to meet on the speakers' platform at Carrollton. Arch hitched his team to the wagon and took his family to the speaking. J. T. (Town) came home with the family and spent the night with his brother. They insisted that Everett go to bed. They wanted to discuss some things they didn't want the boy to hear. They thought Everett was asleep but he wasn't. He was listening to everything they said. J.T.(Town) said, "Arch, you know blood is thicker than water, I am going to win this race but I want you to vote for me anyway. I am going to ask you to vote for one Republican." Arch answered him by saying, "Town, I never voted yellow in my life."

At the same time that Prof. Clarke had a good school at Berryville. Major Belding had a good school at Carrollton. Mr. Faulkner graduated from High School at Carrollton in 1901. He taught for twelve years.

Rev. Faulkner knew Prof. H. P. Burney who was a famous educator in Carroll, Madison and Boone Counties.

Rev. Faulkner remembered that Prof. H. P. Burney used good English. He thought it was almost perfect. He recalled when someone called on Prof. Burney to lead in prayer. He said it was a marvelous prayer with clear, perfect English. Prof. Burney was a Presbyterian.

When Thenie Collier was teaching with Prof. Burney at Green Forest, she reported to the professor that some one had fixed the bell so it would not ring. Some one had climbed to the bell tower and wrapped the clapper with a burlap sack. Prof. Burney used another means of calling the pupils inside. All the rest of the day he didn't say a word about the bell. During this time he was probably trying to decide who the guilty boys were.

Next morning at opening exercises he pointed to Norvel Walker, Roy Kirkpatrick and Adrain Firestone and told them to go and climb into the bell tower and unwrap the bell clapper.

To this day, Mr. Faulkner is not sure whether the professor read their minds or he read their faces. It would have been what we call psychology.

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Wm. B. Hopper, farmer and stock raiser, P. O., Salt Springs. Owns 364 acres of land, and was born in Warren County, Tennessee, April 2, 1828. Farmed with his father until he was eighteen years old, then went to Shelby Co., Texas, and volunteered in the Santa Fe War, when twenty-two years old, but was taken sick and didn't serve. He returned to Tennessee when twenty-three years old, and October 17, 1851 was married to Miss Mary A. Koger.

Children:	James T.	Cicero A.	Millie B.
	John F.	Tennessee	Gilmer
	Sarah R.	Wm. B.	Eddie E.

Farmed in Tennessee until April 1857; then went to Carroll County, Arkansas, where he engaged in cattle speculation. In 1862 went to Stone County, Missouri; in 1863 to Springfield; 1864 to Marshall, this county; in 1864 and 1865 was sub-contractor to furnish U. S. Army with beef, and in 1865 was buying freighting cattle and delivering same at Fort Leavenworth; the same year purchased his present farm, where he moved his family in 1866. From 1867 to 1872 handled cattle from Texas to this state. From 1872 to 1879 he has handled cattle on his farm. In 1880 he located a range in Comanche County, Kansas, for the purpose of raising cattle. He has 400 at present. He is a good judge of cattle and has been a successful trader.

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## SKETCHES OF RABUN COUNTY HISTORY-

### EARLY SETTLERS IN LITTLE TENNESSEE VALLEY.

#### THE HOPPER FAMILY.

Here was a typical border family that came from North Carolina in the front line of early settlers. The old Sammy Hopper got two lots of land just within the Georgia border at the head of Betty's Creek where three of its tributaries come together in a level area to form the main stream. Here he built a house with well hewn poplar logs long before any wagon road led to it. One of my father's sisters, Aunt Louisa, married Thomas Hopper, a son of the old settler, and lived in this house many years after her husband, who was killed in the Civil War and his father had passed away.

After the passing of a century of time the logs in the walls of this house are still in place and well preserved. I have looked at the excellent workmanship with which the ends of the logs were locked into each other at the corners in such a way that in all the flight of the years in which they have been there they have held firmly together. The plates on which the rafters rested were fastened down with long locust pins driven through the timbers in holes that were bored with two-inch augers. It is said that houses were built in those days without having a nail in them. Just how the boards were fastened on the roof I do not undertake to say. It is a satisfaction to see that this old house, one of the very oldest in the county, has recently been repaired by a new owner and is thus preserved for another generation. It is also a comforting circumstance that most of the original farm is occupied by a great-grandson who bears the name of the first owner.

The principal points of interest in the history of Samuel Hopper is that he reared a large family, that he and his sons were famous hunters, that one of them, Thomas, was killed in the Civil War, and that Jasper, the most notable one of all, known as "Uncle Jeff," was one of the volunteers that went from this country in 1838 to the Florida War against the Seminole Indians. Charles Hopper, perhaps the oldest son, seems to have been something of a land trader. He became the owner of several valuable land lots in the Valley before selling out and moving to some place in the West. When Samuel Hopper died in 1845, he and the two sons, Charles and Jasper, owned most of the land on the upper part of Betty's Creek.



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As a grandson of an early settler myself, I have inherited, I have said before, something of the life and spirit of the times in which these men lived. When I was a child another of my father's sisters, Aunt Lizzie, had married Barak Norton and settled in a neighboring house on the North Carolina side of the line further up the creek. The setting of these homes which I often visited, with the towering heights, the Ridge Pole and Pickens Nose just above them and Nantahalas beyond them, made here the most romantic of our mountains that I have known.

Most of my summers I have gone with camping parties into the depths of these mountains and felt again the peculiar thrill that their remoteness and solitude used to bring me. I still make it a rule to go back on visits to these old homes where my cousins still live at least once a year.

Although the last of the wild game was disappearing when I grew up, I still cherish in my memory the many stories I used to hear my father tell of the days when he and the Hopper boys and those of the Norton family used to kill deer, wolves and panthers in this region. The names of such places as the Wolf Knob, the Bear Pen Gap, the Trap Gap and others were given to mark the location of exploits of these men and of others in that period.

### UNCLE JIM'S BEAR STORY

The following is a story of pioneer days told by one of the old settlers who lived back on the edge of the Nantahala mountains where all kinds of wild game were plentiful in the period when my father was still a young man. The story was told to a newspaper man many years ago, and a copy of it has fallen into my hands.

Said this old man, Uncle Jim. "Yes, Sir, back when I was young there was plenty of bear and wolves and panthers. By George, I could stand in my door in the night and hear wolves howl and catamounts squall on the ridge right above my house. My old woman and the kids would set around on a wide bench before the fire. They was afraid to set over a crack in the floor - afraid something would ketch 'em.

Back in them days you couldn't hardly git any amanishun. Caps was 50 cents a box; lead half a dollar to the pound; and powder a dollar a pound. My powder horn would hold just a pound of powder. It took three pounds of lead to the pound of powder, and a box of caps to shoot that much

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amanishun. The caps busted easy, and you had to be keerful not to shoot anything but turkey or deer or bear or some other animal that was dangerous. I called my old gun Betsy. She hardly ever failed to fire. She was the best gun I've ever seen. She weighed fifteen pounds and run thirty five bullets to the pound.

Yes, Sir. Old Betsy was as good a gun as old Glaspie ever made. I never failed to wipe her out good before I loaded her. Then I blow through her to see if she was clean-plump through. Sometimes I would bust a cap on the tube to clear her out.

In them days you could start out any morning and have a deer for dinner. You could see where they went in droves like sheep. Yes, Sir, they shore was plentiful. When I wanted some more amanation, or some calico for the old woman, or cotton checks for britches for the kids, I would take a load of deer skins and bears hides off to market. The closest town of any size in them days was Augusty down in Georgia. Two or three of us neighbors would load up our wagons and make the trip together. In them days it took three or four weeks to go down to Augusty and back. In them days there was plenty of game on the head waters of the Tarury River. Me and neighbor Bill had two of the best bear dogs you've ever seen. My dog was Old Trail, and Bill's dog was Old Lead. When they struck a bear's track he just couldn't get away from 'em, and when they overtook him he had to take up a tree.

Now I will tell you about this bear hunt on the head waters of Tarury River. That was 'way up on the west side of the Ridge Pole and under Standing Indian. Me and Bill lived over on the head of Shooting Creek. We got word from some of the folks on the head of Persimmon that the bears had come over from the Nanty Haly side and was eating up all the hogs. So I seen neighbor Bill and told him let's go over thar and kill some bear for them folks. So I filled up my powder horn, run some bullets, got my caps, and some new gun patching, put some tallow in my gun stock, and we sot out for the head of Tarury River. As we went across the top of the divide we saw where the bears had been breaking down the low chestnut trees to get the chestnuts. We got up to the camp under old Standing Indian mountain about sun down.

Word had been sent over to the other side of the mountains in the Tennessee Valley for the Ritchie boys, Jim and Riley, and the Hopper boys, to bring their bear dogs and meet us at the camp. The Ritchie boys had two bear dogs

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that they called Rock and Trail. But they were not as big as the Hopper dogs. Old man Sammy Hopper lived in the last house on Betty's creek. He had five stout boys - Jeff and Joe, and Henry, and John and Tom. They was all great hunters. They raised big cur dogs just to fight bear. They had one called Beeve. He was the biggest dog I ever saw. He was nearly as high as a yearling calf. So it was about sundown when we all got together at the camp. After supper we set around the camp fire and talked. Jeff Hopper said to me, "Jim, we are going to show you how to catch a bear with our dogs. We've got some of the old stock of regular bear dogs. I can take them and kill a bear without having any gun." Then we all laid down and went to sleep. Next morning by the time we got something to eat the sun was coming over the mountain. Then we got ready to start.

So me and Bill told the other boys that if they wanted to git a bear started, just leave it to us. We would take the dogs and make the drive. So all of the other boys scattered out and went to the stands for the bear to come out. There was so many places to go to that every man had to go by himself. Jeff Hopper didn't have any gun. He and his brothers had big, home-made hunting knives, and they would git into a fight with a bear and help the dogs.

I told 'em that when we got a bear up I would fire off old Betsy and let 'em know to be looking out for the bear. So we took the dogs and struck out around the cliffs until we got high up under the Ridge Pole. We hadn't got fur till my old Trail begun to sniff the ground and wag his tail. Then Bill's old Lead went to him and they both begun to smell the ground all round. There had been more than one bear there, and the whole pack got started up the ridge, on different trails, barking as they went, with their hair standing up on their backs from their ears to the tips of their tails.

If you love to hear the sound of a bunch of dogs hot on the track of a big bear, you ought to have heard the noise them dogs made. I fired off old Betsy to let the boys at the stands know that the drive was on and that the bears was up and coming. A bear won't run long when the dogs are close after him. He stops and the dogs get to baying him. A big bear can kill a dog mighty quick if he can get him in his fore paws and get his teeth into him. Our two dogs were after one bear, and the Hopper dogs and the Ritchie dogs were after another one. It went in the different direction where Jeff Hopper stood. Me and Bill followed our dogs and just as we got in sight of the stand, we saw that the dogs

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had a bear surrounded and one of the Rictchie boys and a Hopper boy had their guns in their hands and were running towards them. By George[ That bear was a big one. As the dogs kept baying him, I yelled at 'em to ketch him. Just then the guns of the standers begun to fire - boom-boom-boom. That fight was then all over. There laied the big bear, weighing nearly 400 pounds.

As we all stood thar we begun to hear the Hopper dogs baying another bear just over the ridge a few hundred yards from us. We all took out over there. There was another whale of a bear with the Hopper dogs and the Ritchie dogs all around him. The bear was up on his haunches, lunging at the dogs, right and left. He had ketched one of the Ritchie dogs, old Rock, and jerked a strip of his hide from the nap of his neck down on his shoulder. He had crippled one of the Hopper dogs, and it looked like he would kill all of 'em.

There was Jeff Hopper, a runnin' around and around the bear, strikin' at him as fur as he could reach with his long knife. He kept a yellin' to the dogs "ketch him-ketch him, damn him, ketch him." When the knife struck the bear, he would grab at the place where it struck him. He had come so close to ketchin Jeff by the arm, he tore off a piece of his coat sleeve. When we run up with our guns, the bear got up on his hind feet and started comin' at us, walking like a man. Then went the guns boom-boom-boom. It took several shots to bring him down. By George[ He was a big one. I'll never forgit the way Jeff Hopper was hollering to the dogs and sickin them on, and a cussin all the time in that bear fight.

WILL OF  
THOMAS HOPPER

South Carolina

In the Name of God amen. I, Thomas Hopper of Charles Town in the province of South Carolina Joyner being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of my Almighty Creator that gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I give, demise and dispose of the same in manner and form following imprimis after my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I give and bequeath all my estate of what kind or sort soever unto my loving friend Captain Patrick Edmonstoune of London and to his heirs for ever and lastly I do nominate ordain and appoint my trusty friends Robert Scot and John Slater of Charles Town Executors of this My Last Will & Testament and I do hereby utterly revoke and Difanul all former and other wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will & Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seal this tenty Day of June one thousand seven hundred & thirty five.

Thos. Hopper (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Thomas Hopper to be his Last Will & Testament In presence of Us the subscribers:

Henry Gibbes

Charles Benoist

James Langley

Recorded August 8th, 1735

Thos. Broughton

Recorded in Original Will Book 1732-1737

Recorded on Page 172

Thomas Hopper  
Carroll Co., Tenn.

State of Tennessee, County of Carroll

On the 22nd day of July, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, personally appeared before me, the undersigned Justice of the Peace, with in and for the county and State aforesaid, Thomas Hopper, aged 106 years, a resident of Carroll County, in the State of Tennessee, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States at King's Creek near King's Mountain in the State of South Carolina and served under General Morgan; his Colonel he believes to be Pipkin, he was living on King's Creek at the time he enlisted and went from there to Guilford Courthouse in the State of North Carolina and were stationed two or three miles distant from that place for one night and on the following morning we were attacked by the British Army and that several days after we had another engagement with the British at a mill on Deep River, and routed them, and he was next engaged at the Battle of Cowpens. His memory on account of old age, is so defective that he cannot remember the various routs and engagements of the Army. He further declares that he served as a private for the term of three years or more and that he was honorably discharged.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Thomas <sup>his</sup>  
X Hopper  
mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

I hereby certify that the said Thomas Hopper lives in Carroll County in the State of Tennessee some three miles distant from me and that from bodily infirmity he could not well appear before a court of record. And I further declare the opinion that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states.  
This 22nd day of July 1853

Sam H. Ferguson  
for Carroll Co., Tennessee

State of Tennessee      I, Wilbron H. Graves Clerk of County  
Carroll County      Court of said county do hereby certify  
that Samuel H. Ferguson whose genuine  
signature appears on the foregoing certificate is now and

Thomas Hopper - continued

was at the time of signing same, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said county and state duly commissioned and sworn as such full faith and due and ought to be given to all his official acts and that he is a member of said county court which is of record and has general jurisdiction.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed the seal

office in Huntington August 10th 1853

Wilbron H. Graves Clerk

Author Unknown

My Great Grandfather Thomas Hopper (1735-1845) lived to be over one hundred years old. I can remember when he died, I think about 1845. There were thirteen heirs to the estate and there was something over \$12,000 a piece for the heirs. Well, they wrote to my grandfather to come out and get his part of the estate but he wrote back to them and told them to wind up the business and set off his part and he would go and get it. So they wound up the estate and set off my grandfather's part in negro slaves and wrote to him that he had a lot of niggers out there that he must come and get, so he set down and wrote back to them that he never owned a nigger and he never would, and he further stated that he would not go to hell with a nigger on his back so he never did go and get them, but finally gave them their freedom.

My Grandfather, (Joseph Hopper (1814-1864) which was your great grandfather, lived to be 105 years old and my great grandfather Stephens lived to be over a hundred years old. My great grandfather James Robertson on my mother's side, he was also your great, great grandfather, lived to be a very old man and was a revolutionary pensioner and one of his sons was a Captain under Jackson in the War of 1812. (Carter Robertson). He knew no fear. My grandfather on my mother's side was also a Hopper and was a cousin to my father so his ancestry runs back to old Thomas Hopper of Virginia. His first wife was a Bothenia Robertson and they raised nine children to be grown--all girls but one, and he got to be one of the foremost preachers there was in Kentucky. The old man married a second wife (Norey Evins) when he was 53 years old and raised 11 more children--mostly boys--and they was every one Union soldiers in the time of the war and one of them (William) is now one of the foremost preachers there is in Texas.

Now this is about all I can give you of our history at present, but I can say that we have an ancestry that one may well be proud of. There had never been a disgrace brought into the family by the misconduct of any member. The Hopper family as far as I have been able to get their history has been a very patriotic set of people and are very adventurous, keeping right on the frontiers as long as there was a new country to go to.



Horman Hopper, also spelled Harman Hooper and Widow Sarah - W252- of North Carolina Service.

HARMON HOPPER appeared personally in Claiborne Co., Tenn. 1833, age 73, states in early part of 1781 he entered service of the U.S. Thinks month of February, Caswell county, North Carolina, as a volunteer in the militia service for three months. Under Captain Cole, served under Colonel More, and Major Donahoe from Caswell Court House, and was marched to High Rock Ford upon Haw River., thence to Alamentz Creek, where he was taken sick, and permitted to go home, upon furlough, and was absent one week. When he returned to the encampment in Guilford Co., after the Battle at Guilford, which was fought while he was sick, in about five days joined the army he was discharged at Guilford County, N.C., from Josiah Cole, -- afterward in 1781- at Caswell Court House, N.C. again entered the service under Capt. Dickinson, marched to Orange Co., N.C., where a battle was fought between American Forces and the Tories which resulted in defeat of the Tories and he was engaged in this battle on the American Forces side, and marched immediately to or in pursuit of the defeated and retreating Tories but was unable to come up with them. States he was born in Fauquire County, Va. April 1760; resided Caswell County, N.C. when entering service and immediately after the Revolution removed from Caswell Co., N.C. to Haw River, Orange County, N. C., resided ten years, when he moved to Claiborne Co., Tenn. He knows of no one by whom he can prove his services, except John Murphy; and friends who know him were Col. Jonathan Powell, John Rick, Elijah Harp., Rev. Wm. Williams -

--Affidavit by Mary Ann ANeil -1833-Claiborne County, Tenn., states she resided in Caswell Co., N.C. during the Revolutionary war and knows that Harman Hopper entered service 1781 in Caswell County, N.C. for 3 months and also entered again. Sarah Hopper applied in Claiborne County, Tenn. 1845 states she is widow of Harman Hopper, states that she was married to said Harman Hopper 13 August 1783 and he died Feb. 28, 1844-Affidavit of Richard Harper and who states he remembers Harman Hopper and Sarah Hopper in Orange Co., N.V., and was acquainted with them and their character there, they were both members of the Baptist Church in good standing in society, and were known as husband and wife at that time, that they raised a family of children of good character and standing, and has been well acquainted with them a number of years since their removal to Claiborne Co., Tenn. and that the said soldier died some time ago and left Sarah his widow surviving. He signed this statement 1845--Affidavit of Willis Harper, Claiborne Co., Tenn. 1845,

states he well remembers Harman Hopper and Sarah Hopper in Orange County, N.C. and knew the m to be of good character there and were recognized as husband and wife then, and since his removal to this county he has known said soldier and wife for a great number of years. The widow Sarah Hopper resident of Claiborne County, Tenn. age 84, in 1848, states she married Harman Hopper 1784 in Caswell Co., N.C., by publication, and he died Feb. 1844 on last day - Affidavit of Jesse Hopper 1848, Claiborne County, Tenn. states he was acquainted with Harman Hopper and Sarah his wife; that he copies his age from his father's bible which was in the hand writing of Thos. Gal, that the original record mentioned has now been lost, but that his own record preserved shows he was born 10-18-1787. That he had one sister older than himself, who was born 3-16-1785. Richard Harper says in another affidavit that he is age 86 and this was 1849, and that he knew soldier and wife when they lived on Rice Creek, Orange or Edge PF Caswell Co., N.C., and tha they were then known as husband and wife, - this applicant can set date for said acquaintance before 1785, from this fact that this witness referring to his own family record of his own children's ages it shows his first child to be born 1-21-1785, that sometime after this affiant first knew them. (Harman and Sarah Hopper) this affiant removed to Claiborne County, Tenn. and some years after Harman Hopper and Sarah also removed to the same county and lived as husband and wife until he died.-A letter in the files "September 8, 1855, to the Commissioner of Pensions, Sir: I made a declaration for the purpose of obtaining an arrears of pension that was said to be due my father Harman Hopper deceased for his Revolutionary War Services, he drew \$21.55 per annum.

WILL OF GABRIEL FREEMAN

To all people to whom these presents shall come, I, Gabriel Freeman do send Greeting. Know ye that I, the said Gabriel Freeman of the County of Rowan in the Province of North Carolina, Planter, for and in consideration of the Love, Good-will, and Affection which I have to and do bear towards Archibald Hopper of the County & Province aforesaid, have given, granted, aliened, and confirmed, and by these presents doth give five hundred acres of land unto the said Archibald and Rebecca Hopper, their heirs, and assigns, all that Messuage, tenement, plantation and all that parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the county of Rowan and Orange on both sides of the County line in the province aforesaid, and on both sides of Deep River, it being the Plantation whereon I now live, the said tract of land to be divided into two parts, all that lays on the north side of Deep River I give to Archibald Hopper, and the part of said land that lays on the South or West side of said River, I give to Rebecca Hopper, the middle of said River to the Boundary between them: Beginning at a red oak and running thence west 50 chains to a red oak; then south 100 chains to a red oak; thence east across Deep River and the County Line 60 chains to a white oak; thence north to the first station containing in the whole five hundred acres of land, more or less, which tract of land was sold, granted and confirmed unto the said Gabriel Freeman by the Right Honorable, the Earl of Granville by Indenture dated the 26th day of October in the year of our Lord, 1759, and registered in the Registrar's Office for the County of Orange, reference being thereto had it will more at large appear to have and to hold, all and singular other the houses, edifices, buildings, barns, stables, gardens, orchards, woods, underwoods, ways, paths, water courses, profits, commodities, advantages, hereditaments, and appertenances whatsoever to the said Messuage tenement Lands and Premises belonging or in any wise of Right appertaining or therewithal commonly used taken or none as part, parcel or belonging to the same, and the Reversion or Reversions, remainder, and Remainders, Rent and services of all singular the said premises, and all the Right, title, interest, claim, demand of Him the said Gabriel Freeman of in and to the Messuage or tenement lands or Premises of in and to every part and parcel thereof their and every of their appertenances unto the said Archibald Hopper and Rebeckah, their Heirs and assigns shall and may lawfully from henceforth forever hereafter peaceably and Quietly have, hold, use, occupy, possess and enjoy the said Messuage or Tenement Lands and Premises above mentioned,

WILL OF GABRIEL FREEMAN Continued

to be hereby given and granted, with their and every of their appertenances free, clear and discharge or sufficiently saved and kept harmless of and from all other former and other grants, bargains, sales, gifts, jointures, feoffments, leases, dowers, estates, rent charges, and incumbrances whatsoever had made committed done or suffered to be made by one said Gabriel Freeman, his executors, or administrators or any other person or persons claimed, by or from, or under him, them or either of them, the rents, services, that shall hereafter grow due to the chief Lord of the fee thereof only excepted ... and further I do by these presents for the better livelihood of him, the said Archibald Hopper and her, the said Rebeckah Hopper, freely and absolutely give and grant unto the said Archibald Hopper my Copper Still, worm and appurtenance thereunto belonging and one large Brass Kettle, and two iron pots, and one feather bed, and eight horses or horse kind with eighteen head of my cattle, and I do like manner give to the said Rebeckah Hopper two horses or horse kind with two cows to be the lawful property of them, their heirs or assigns of which before the signing of these presents I have given and delivered each of them a true inventory signed with my own hand, and bearing even date, without any manner of condition except what is hereafter expressed, that is to say, provided always and this present Deed of Gift is hereby expressly declared to be nevertheless upon this condition (to wit) that if it should happen that the said Archibald Hopper or Rebeckah Hopper, either of them should die without issue or lawful issue or heirs of his or her body lawfully begotten, that then all of the aforesaid (aforementioned) land, goods and creatures shall descend and become the lawful property of Joseph Hopper and Nancy Hopper being also the son and daughter of Elizabeth Hopper first above mentioned. Joseph to possess Archibald's part and Nancy to possess Rebeckah's part in as full and ample manner by them and their heirs as they are given and granted by these presents this deed of Gift to the above mentioned, fully and absolutely without any manner of condition. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fifth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Sixty-Six (1766).

Gabriel (X) Freeman (His mark)

John Lewis                    )  
                                      ) Witnesses  
Jarmie Reynolds            )

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NORTH CAROLINA.

## HOPPER LINEAGE

From An Index of the Older Wills, Inventories etc. of  
Goochland County, Virginia

James Hopper	Will	1765.
John Hopper	"	1792.
Mildred Hopper Millie, wife of John)	"	1796 (Possibly
Paterson Hopper	"	1816.

John, Rawleigh, Mose and William Hopper served in the Revolutionary War from Virginia. Also two John Hoppers served from S. Carolina. There are 12 heads of families named Hopper in North Carolina Census 1790.

1799-1800 tax lists show no Hoppers in Christian County, Kentucky.

1810 Census Christian County, Kentucky:

John Hopper, over 45, wife over 45, 2 boys and  
1 girl 16-25. (could have been son of Thomas  
Hopper. Born 1759)

Anderson Hopper 26-45. Living alone.

Patterson Hopper 26-45. Living alone.

Elijah Hopper 26-45. wife 26-45, 2 boys and  
1 girl under 10. (Could have been Gilliam. His  
name could have been Elijah Gilliam Hopper. Age  
of boys would correspond with age of James Hopper  
at that time.)

Warren County, Tennessee, Deeds 1812-19, p. 484, Indenture  
April 17, 1819.

"Between Samuel Hand and Gilliam Hopper both of  
Warren Co., Tenn., Witnesseth: For Four Hundred  
Dollars the said Samuel Hand sold to the said  
Gilliam Hopper a tract of land in Warren Co., Tenn.,  
Third District, east side of the Collins River...  
granted by Tennessee to Samuel Hand on Aug. 18, 1817  
by grant #10550. Title guaranteed.

Samuel Hand (Seal)

## HOPPER LINEAGE

From An Index of the Older Mills, ctd.

Witnesses:

John B. Perkins.

Mose Hopper

Mose Hopper (before mentioned as a soldier in the Revolutionary War from Virginia) could have been father or son of Gilliam.

## HOPPER LINEAGE

From Work done by D.A.R. 1938

Early Hoppers who are possible ancestors:

Douglas Register. Goochland, Virginia

John Hopper married Agnes Toney  
James        born Dec. 2, 1757  
Agnes        born May 11, 1760

John Hopper married Mary Horn May 27, 1770.  
Brandel    born March        Baptized Jul.21, 1771.  
Anderson   born Jan.29, 1773        "        Jun 13, 1773.  
Paterson

John Hopper married Milley Rice March 26, 1775.  
Willey      born Feb. 5, 1776.

Luther Hopper married Elizabeth Nash Dec. 20, 1756.  
Robert      born Feb. 10, 1759.  
Milley      born Feb. 8, 1761 Baptized Mar.29, 1761.  
Rachel      born Mar. 31, 1763.  
Mary        born Mar. 26, 1765.

Thomas Hopper married Elizabeth Profit.  
Jane        born Mar. 19, 1757.  
John        born Apr. 16, 1759.  
Thomas      born Mar. 4, 1761.  
Susannah   born May 17, 1764.  
Annie       born July 5, 1766.

John, Luther and Thomas could have been brothers or at least of near the same age as their first children were born at about the same time. The three John Hopper marriages could have been, and likely are by one man, but not necessarily.

Gilliam, to be connected here, would have to have been born during the second marriage.

HOPPER LINEAGE

From Work done by D.A.R. 1938, continued.

U.S. Census 1820 Warren County, Tennessee.

Gilliam Hopper, over 45, wife, 9 children. No slaves, Occupation Farmer.

U.S. Census 1830 Warren County, Tennessee.

Nancy Hopper, over 45, 4 children. 8 slaves. This could have been wife and younger children of above family or another family entirely.

(See record of Aunt Nancy in Fannie Hopper's records.)

Gilliam Hopper moved to Virginia between 1820-1830. He evidently died there as James Hopper had difficulty in settling an estate there.

John L. Hopper Born December 2, 1833, McMinnville, Tenn. At 5 years of age moved to Virginia -moved to Adams County, Illinois in 1839. Married Nancy Jane Anderson March 3, 1853. Died Jun 10, 1904 in Kirksville, Mo. Buried in Hopper Cemetery 5 miles north of Clarence, Mo. at foot of his father's grave at his own request.

Nancy Jane Anderson-Born November 13, 1833 (the night of the great falling of stars) near what is now Cairo, Illinois. Died Jun 27, 1907, in Chicago, Illinois. Buried beside her husband, by request.

Wm.Thomas Hopper Born March 25, 1854, near Clayton, Ill. Married M. E. Baker, July 2, 1874 - divorced 1876 -remarried (?) Died around 1885 near Meadville, Missouri.

Jas. Buchannon Hopper -Born Jun 23, 1856, Clayton, Illinois. Married Lucy E. Foster Dec. 30, 1875. She died about 1889, buried at Keytesville, Mo. Lawrence Clay Hopper born 1876, second son, infant died and buried south of Laclede, Missouri.  
Ora Hopper born March 15, 1881, died 1902 or 1903.  
Remarried - Two children born, whereabouts unknown.  
Died Dec. 29, 1905, buried at Lathrop, Mo. beside second wife who died around 1902.

Emily Hopper Born Jun 15, 1858, near Clayton, Illinois. Married John T. Curry, Feb. 21, 1877. Died Sept. 30, 1924. Six children born.

Frances Hopper Born July 25, 1862, Clayton, Illinois. Married Joseph W. Corey January 5, 1881. Two children born:  
Vaughn E. Corey, born March 19, 1882.  
Iva Myrtle Corey, born May 18, 1887, died September 10, 1928.

Ada Hair Married January 19, 1905.  
Eldon S. Curry born June 14, 1907.  
Hazel I. Curry, born May 4, 1909.



Leslie E. Curry

Mary McClelland - Married

Elizabeth Jean born March ,1924.

Pearl E. Curry - daughter Emily and John T. Curry

Lee P. Fickel - married November 28, 1906.

Byrl C. Fickel born January 17, 1907.

Vancel P. Fickel) born Jan. 25,1910-died Feb. 25,1910

Vance L. Fickel ) twins " Jan. 25,2920-died Aug.24,1915

John T. Fickel born June 19, 1919.

1810 Census of Pulaski County, Kentucky

GILLIAM HOPPER

2 males up to 10	] female up to 10
] male 10 to 16	] female to 16
] male to 45	] female to 26
	] female to 45

1820 Census of Warren County, Tennessee

GILLIAM HOPPER over 45, 9 children, No slaves, Farmer.

1830 Census of Warren County, Tennessee

NANCY HOPPER, over 45, 4 children, 8 slaves.

PULASKI COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEED:

1814.. Gilliam Hopper deeded land to John Hopper, Deed Book 2, page 349.

WARREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE Deeds: 1812-1819, p.484: Indentures Apr. 17, 1819 "Between Samuel Hand and Gilliam Hopper both of Warren County, Tenn. Witnesseth: for Four Hundred Dollars the said Samuel Hand sold to the said Gilliam Hopper a tract of land in Warren County, Third District, east side of the Collins River ..granted by Tennessee to Samuel Hand on Aug. 18, 1817 by Grant #10550. Title guaranteed. This was 100 acres.

Witnesses: John B. Perkins Deed Bk. 2, p. 205 (484-485)  
Mose Hopper

Jonathan Paris deeded 100 acres to Gilliam Hopper  
Aug. 21, 1820; Oct. 1821; Reg. Dec. 19, 1821  
Witnesses: Samuel Hopper and Moses Hopper

Gilliam Hopper deeded land to Samuel Hopper Jan. 2, 1826

Samuel Hopper to Moses Hopper Dated Oct. 1833

Gilliam Hopper to Moses Hopper Dated Aug. 27, 1836, Rec. May 2, 1838  
Witnesses: James Hopper and Gilliam Hopper, Jr.

Jeremiah Foster to Moses Hopper Jan. 28, 1824  
Witnesses: Wm. C. Patton and Gilliam Hopper

Book G: Jesse Webb Sr. to John L. Byars Jan. 9, 1829 \$800,  
Charles Creek of Colling R. near the bluff 124 acres  
Witnesses: Samuel Hopper and James Hopper  
Samuel Hopper to Nathan Byars Dec. 13, 1837 \$500  
65 acres in one tract, 50 acres in 2nd tract  
East side of Collins River

Witnesses: William Womack and Harrah Byars

NOTES FROM MRS. HELEN C. DEVENY

Dates from the Doc Brown story may or may not be accurate.

Nancy Campbell Hopper was 68 years old according to the 1850 census of Warren Co., Tennessee. She was living with her son Moses at the time. Her birthplace was given as North Carolina.

Moses Hopper information from the 1850 census of Warren Co., Tennessee:

He was 47. Had real estate valued at \$600.00. Born in Pulaski Co., Kentucky.

Rebecca Hopper was 46. Born in Virginia  
Eliza Hopper was 20  
James Hopper was 18  
Parilee Hopper was 16  
Elvina Hopper was 13  
Gilliam Hopper was 9  
Ruth Hopper was 7  
Nancy Hopper was 68

William Hopper was called William Mayfield in the Doc Brown story.

Absalom Hopper information from the 1850 census of Gibson Co., Tenn. District 9.

His age was given as 42 and birthplace Tenn. but likely Pulaski Co. Kentucky.

His wife Ally, 43 and her birthplace North Carolina

Gilliam Hopper was 23	
Jemima Hopper was 21	According to the Doc Brown Story
Moses Hopper was 19	Absalom Hopper was killed in a
Nathaniel Hopper was 17	dual with his brother Gillum.
Elmore Hopper was 16	Russel Davis of Clayton Ill.,
Ally Hopper was 12	corresponded with a Walter Hop-
Harrison Hopper was 10	per of Memphis, Tenn., back in
Absalom Hopper was 7	the 1850's and he said Harrison
Pinckney Hopper was 5	Hopper, born 1841, was his father.
Sarah Hopper was 2	He wrote that he had always heard
	that his grandfather was killed
	in a dual with one of his bros.
	He said his grandfather and
	grandmother were buried on their
	estate in Gibson Co., Tenn. near
	Rutherford. He said his Uncle
	Gillum migrated to Dunklin Co.,
	Mo. and his Uncle Absalom was
	lost in the Civil War.

VIRGINIA HOPPERS

CHARLES PARISH, YORK CO., VA. 1648-1789, p.88 (by Landon C. Bell)

EDWARD ENGLISH, son of Thos. by MARGARET, born 27th, June, 1692.  
(WILLS) 1632-1800 by Clayton Torrance, 1930.

WILLIAM HOPPER, Culpepper County, Va. 1776-died Intestate, p.216

JOHN HOPPER, Goochland Co., Va. 1791-Will. page 216

MILDRED HOPPER, Goochland Co., Va. 1796-Will. page 216

"VIRGINIA SOLDIERS OF 1776"

JOHN HOPPER

JOSEPH HOPPER

THOMAS HOPPER

HUMPHREY HOPPER

HENINGS STATUTES AT LARGE OF VIRGINIA

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Culpeper County, Virginia, September 1758.

To: WILLIAM HOPPER, 9 s. (militiaman).

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS OF VIRGINIA 8th Annual Rept. -State  
-p.225

WILLIAM HOPPER (War 5-86).

JOHN HOPPER. . Bounty warrant 4th March -208-209

JOSEPH HOPPER (Culpeper M.) Acct. XV 450.

THOMAS HOPPER (Captain) BOUNTY WARRANT

WILLIAM HOPPER (Auditors Acct. Vol. XVIII p.549)

JOHN HOPPER, Warrant #3653, Corp. Va. Cont. Line p.225

VIRGINIA MAGAZINE -WM. HOPPER & HECTOR STEPHENS May 18, 1793

Mary RITCHIE married WM. HOPPER, 12 Nov. 1785, son of CARY HOPPER and SARAH COCKE, daughter of BOWLER COCKE, married 30th April, 1757. WM. HOPPER died 14th Dec. 1785, aged 29 yrs. (Virginia Magazine, Volume 19, page 211)

RICHARD HOPPER, in Hanover Co., Va. 6th October 1788, (Wm. and Mary 21, 147.)

ROBERT BROOKE married 1786, MARY RITCHIE, daughter of ARCHIBALD RITCHIE of Tappahanock, Va. Essex Co., and widow of THOMAS HOPPER.

ARCHIBALD RITCHIE was of Hobshole, Va. (Va. Mag. Vol.20, pp103)

CLAYTON TORRENCE'S LIST OF VIRGINIA WILLS, 1632-1800 RICHMOND.

WILLIAM HOPPER, Inventory, Culpeper Co., Virginia, 1776.

JOHN HOPPER - JOHN 1791 W.

MILDRED HOPPER - I - 1796, in Goochland County.

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Will of Jonathan Hopper in Goochland County, Va. dated 3 Dec.  
]790, R. 20 June ]79]

Wife: Milley

Children: Patterson (There was a Patterson and Anderson  
Anderson Hopper in Christian Co., Ky.)  
Agatha  
Milley  
Piety  
Tabitha  
Mary Talafierra

Inventory of Mildred Hopper ]796 Goochland Co., Va.

GOOCHLAND COUNTY, VA. RECORDS from GOOCHLAND COUNTY PARISH  
REGISTER, BEGUN ]756 by WILLIAM DOUGLAS.

Marriages and Births:

]756-57 John Hopper and Agnes Tony  
James Hopper born to John & Agnes 2 Dec.]757  
Agnes Hopper " " " " " ]] May,]760

]756 Thomas Hopper and Elizabeth Profit  
James Hopper, born to Thos. & Eliz.]9 May,]757  
John Hopper " " " " " ]6 Apr.]759  
Thomas Hopper " " " " " 4 Mar.]76]  
Susannah Hopper " " " " " ]7 May ]764  
Annie Hopper " " " " " 5 Jul.]766

]756 Luther Hopper and Elizabeth Nash 20 Dec.]756  
Robt. Hopper, born to Luther & Eliz. ]0 Feb. ]759  
Milly Hopper " " " " " 8 Feb. ]76]  
Rachel Hopper " " " " " 3] Mar. ]763  
Mary Hopper " " " " " 26 Mar. ]765

]770 John Hopper and Mary Horn (27 May ]770)  
(Sarah Horn and Jacob Gilliam md. 27 Dec. ]769)  
Patterson Hopper born to John & Mary Mar. ]77]  
Anderson Hopper, born to John & Mary H.]9 Jan.]773

]775 John Hopper and Milly Rice (March 26, ]775)  
Milly Hopper, born to John & Milly 5 Feb. ]776

]787 Tabitha Hopper and Robert Scott  
2 Apr.]79] Milly Hopper (dau. Milly Hopper) and Wm. Page  
]9 Jul.]792 Elizabeth Hopper (dau. Tabitha) and Archelaus  
Nunrey

2] Aug.]797 Agnes Hopper and John Sangster  
]6 Jul.]8]5 Pat terson Hopper and Catherine Glass (2] yrs.  
of age in April last.Surety: Robt. Hims.  
witnesses: Lucy D. Jarrett & Martha Mims.

6 Mar. ]790 Tabitha Hopper and Wm. Bagnell  
]770 Mary Hopper and Will Tolliver

CULPEPER COUNTY, VA. Marriage Records:

]785 John Hopper and Sarah Jett (dau. John Jett) Minister  
John Pickett (John Jett will dated 2] Nov.]802,  
Recorded ]8 Apr. ]808)

]798 Frances Hopper and Joseph Blackwell

]793 Martha Hopper and John Brumley

]803 Nancy Hopper and Rawley Turner

Will of Thomas Hopper in Culpeper Co., Va. dated 25 Jan.]803,  
R. 20 Nov. ]804

Wife: Mary Ann

Children: Frances Blackwell; Jemima, husband Wm. Tapp;  
Elizabeth, husband Vincent Tapp; grandson Wm.  
Coons was one of the executors.

John Hopper and wife Barbara moved from Culpeper Co. to  
Cooper's Run Baptist Church, Bourbon, Ky. Both living  
in ]806 when they deeded land.

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

Deed Book 4 page 369

24 July ]777 Luther Hopper bought 300 acres of land  
from Oen Atkinson and wife  
99 pounds ]0 shillings Robt. Hopper, witness  
]5 Jun ]800 Luther Hopper and John Nash bought ]23  
acres of land for 75 pounds from Ja. Hart  
20 Oct.]834 Terril Hopper bought land from Isaac  
Medley and wife. Rhody was name of wife  
of Terril Hopper

Marriage Records

]836 Adam Hopper and Mary Lansford

5 Jan.]799 David Terry and Lettice Nash (John and Anna Nash,  
parents.)

3 Jun ]80] Mary Nash (widow) and John Dyer...Luther Hopper,  
bondsman

HENRY COUNTY

Inventory of estate of William Hopper 27 May ]825  
Terrel Hopper was one of the signers

Sale of estate of William Hopper

Buyers: James Hopper, Terrel Hopper, Elizabeth Wright,  
Elizabeth Hopper, Terley Hopper, John Hopper,  
James Porter, Triffana Stratton, Peter Seales

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Hopper Notes  
Virginia

MARRIAGES OF PITTSYLVANIA CO., VA. ]767-]805 by Catherine L.  
Knorr

]2 Nov. ]790 John Nash and Betsy Hopper. Securit y: Joseph  
Akin. Married by Rev. Richard Elliot

VIRGINIA TAXPAYERS ]782-]787

	County	County Seat
Elizabeth Hopper	Culpeper County	Culpeper
Thomas Hopper	Culpeper County	Culpeper
Thomas Hopper	Culpeper County	Culpeper
James Hopper	Loudoun County	Leesburg
John Hopper	Goochland Cty.	
John Hopper, Sr.	Fauquier County	Warrenton
Joseph Hopper	Fauquier County	Warrenton
Mary Hopper	Fauquier County	Warrenton
Thomas Hopper	Henry County	Martinsville
Luther Hopper	Pittsylvania Cty	Chatham
Thomas Hopper	Amherst County	Amherst

Thomas Hopper (]784) Lunenburg Co., Cumberland Parish Vestry  
Book ]746-]8]6.

John Hopper in Prince William Co., Va. ]743

Abstract of Wills and Inventories of Fairfax County, Va.  
]742-]80] by J. Estelle Stewart King

Will of James Hopper, dated ]6 May ]800, recorded 20 Oct. ]800  
Mary Hopper: mother  
John Hopper  
Robert Hopper  
Sisters: Nancy, Betsy, Mary, Sarah  
Jas. McCarty, Martha Harden, and Amelia Harden:  
Relationship not given.

Vol. III Virginia Soldiers ]776 pages ]47] and ]472

John Hopper I certify that John Hopper enlisted as a soldier  
with Lieut. Col. Lee the first Dec. ]777, and served as such  
until March, ]778, when he was appointed Corporal. He served  
in Lee's Legion until the army was disbanded by Congress. He  
drew pay until ]st Apr. ]780, since when he has drawn none,  
except for one month in So. Carolina. Signed: Joseph Eggleston,  
Major, formerly with Lee's Legion..I certify that John  
Hopper of the Legion of Infantry was enlisted during the war  
and served to the end. Signed: H. Lee 3] Dec. ]784.

Rec'd of Lieut.Col. Thos. Meriwether, a certificate for land  
warrant in favor of John Hopper for the War. Henry Lee. See  
B.W. Archives Dept.



Hopper Notes  
Virginia

Thomas Hopper The Register will issue in the name of Mathew Hobson, a warrant for whatever land may be due me for my services as a captain in the army of the U.S. in the Revolution. I have received full value for the said land. Signed: Thomas Hopper, Sept., 1813, Mecklenburg County, N.C. 21 Sept. 1813.

From B. W. Archives Dept.: "We do certify that we knew Thomas Hopper as a Captain in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in service in 1777 and continued four years in the 7th Va/egt. Continental Estab." James and John Martin. Chester Dist., S.C. 15 June 1813. James and John Martin made oath to above declaration before Philip Nolan, J. of P. The Library list of the Rev. soldiers gives the names of Humphrey Hopper, Aug. Account 18,571; Joseph Hopper (Culpeper Mil.) Aug. Account 16,450; Wm. Hopper, Aug. Acct 18,549.

ABSTRACTS FROM FAUQUIER CO., VA.

Deed Book I, p.232 B&S 28 May 1761

John Hopper and wife Ann of one part, and Humphrey Brooks of other part. Description of the 30 acres and who joins him.

Deed Book 3, p. 367 Jan. 1769

Thomas Hopper and Ann his wife of one part and Joseph Blackwell of other part. Land containing 127 acres on the branch of Deep Run in the Northern Neck of Deep Run. Thomas Hopper obtained this land from Blagrove Hopper, his father. Land joined George Hopper's farm.

Deed Book 6, p. 447, B&S 21 Feb. 1778

Robert Hopper and Sarah his wife of one part of Fauquier Co. and Gavin Lawson of Culpeper Co. of the other part.

I have the Revolutionary War pension application for Harmon Hopper of Claiborne Co., Tenn. and he states that he was born in Fauquier Co. in the State of Virginia in the month of April 1760. His wife's name was Sarah and they were married 30 Aug. 1783 in Caswell Co., N.C. He entered the service in Caswell Co., N.C. and after the close of the war he moved to Haw River in Orange Co., N.C., where he lived two years before moving to Claiborne Co., Tenn. Harmon Hopper died 28 Feb. 1844 in Claiborne Co., Tenn.

There was a Blagrove Hopper in Virginia in 1715. His son was Joseph Hopper of Fauquier Co., Va. His son was Blagrove Hopper who married Rhoda Kesterson. This latter Blagrove Hopper was born 23 Oct. 1759 and died Apr. 1831 and left a will in Knox County, Kentucky.

Abstracts from Fauquier Co., Va. continued

Blagrove and Rhoda Kesterson Hopper had sons: John (born ] Feb. ]796 in either Fauquier Co., Va. or Green Co.,Tenn.) Raleigh (Rolly) who moved to Indiana and then to Missouri (Raney County); Joseph; Harris H. who married Mary Catchings; William who was a Baptist minister who lived and died on the border of Knox and Clay Counties, Ky.

It would appear from the notes that I have that these Hoppers could have been relatives of our line. Perhaps not all of them went to the Carolinas but, at least one did. Our Gillum Hopper and Rolly Hopper were listed in the ]8]0 Census for Pulaski County, Ky.

Hopper Family Information contained in records in office  
of Clerk of Circuit Court, Henry County, Virginia, located  
in the Court House, Martinsville, Virginia.

Order Book 8, p. 28	]805	James Hopper recommended as ensign in county militia in place of Tandy Key
8, p.]59	]807	James Hopper appointed lieutenant in Archibald Murphy's company of militia in place of Mason Kelly resigned.
9, p.]25	]810	James Hopper appointed captain in militia.
]0, p.]08	]812	James Hopper payment as witness Pulliam vs. James Hundley
]0, p.]]8	]812	James Hopper deceased, Elizabeth Hopper appointed administratrix
Minute Bk. ] p.]9	]820	William Hopper delivered schedule of his estate to War Dept. in applying for Revolutionary War service pension.
] p.228	]825	Terrell Hopper et als permit to build gate across road crossing Smith River at Morgan's Ford.
] p.238	]825	William Hopper deceased; account current recorded
] p.244	]825	John Hopper allowed payment for patrolling
3 p.]72	]843	Richard Hopper allowed payment for patrolling.
4 p.208	]852	Capt. John Hopper, John Hopper, Jr. and James Hopper allowed payment for patrolling 4th district this county for 3 months
6 p.457	]863	John T. Hopper deceased. Widow Martha Hopper apptd.administratrix
8 p.3]2	]869	Samuel Hopper appointed guardian for children of Samuel T. Hopper

Superior Court Minute Book: October Term of Court ]8]8.  
 William Hopper certified that he served three years in Continental Army. Enlisted in November ]775 by Capt. Henry Dixon, Caswell County, N.C., was attached to ]st N.C. Regiment of Regulars commanded by Thomas Clark, Gen. Nash's Command. Served 2] months. Was discharged at Valley Forge by Thomas Clark, Colonel. Was 72 years old in October ]8]8. Wm. Norman, a neighbor, was witness to above declaration, Ordered recorded.

Deed Book 9, p.3 2 Oct. 1802 James Oakes, James Hopper and William Pulliam, deed of trust to Patrick H. Fontaine and Waller Redd - bonds - tract on Smith River on north side "being the place whereon James Oakes now lives. It being the land that his father James Oakes gave and loaned him during his natural life and after his death to his children" ... also one tract on south side of Smith River of 124 acres left in James Oakes' will to his three daughters and since conveyed to Joseph Goodwin and Wm. Pulliam to James Hopper ... Ordered recorded 3 Oct. 1810.

Deed Book 8 p. 10 11 July 1814 Patrick H. Fontaine and Waller Redd, trustees, to Elizabeth Hopper for \$110, tract of 120 acres on south side of Smith River, being land James Oakes left to his three daughters and since conveyed by Joseph Goodwin and William Pulliam to Joseph Hopper ... and sold by us agreeable to certain deed of trust by James Oakes, James Hopper and Wm. Pulliam to secure debt due to John Redd and said Elizabeth Hopper became the purchaser ... Ordered recorded 11 July 1814.

Deed Book 10 p. 64 9 Aug. 1824 Terrell & Rhodah Hopper to Terrell Nance, for \$450, 135 acres on north side of Smith River beginning at south of Goose Island branch ... Witnesses: Thos. S. Shelton, John Lane, William Norman. Ordered recorded 9 Aug. 1824.

Deed Book 10 p. 236 20 Dec. 1825 Elizabeth Hopper to James Hopper for \$150, 60 acres on Smith River "beginning at mouth of my spring branch (it goes into Smith River) to John Lane's land ..." Witnesses: Daniel Stone, John Hopper, John Lane. Ordered recorded 13 Mar. 1826.

James Hopper married Betsy Oakes, daughter of James Oakes before 23 July 1804, when James Oakes wrote his will. (Will Book 2, p. 127)

15 June 1821 James Hopper married Elizabeth Bays. Security and witness - John Clifton. (Register of Marriage Bonds-I p. 72). James Hopper was named administrator of William Bays, deceased June 1837. (Will Book 4, p. 126)

Hopper Families appearing in Henry County, Va. Census Records

]820 Census p.32 (866) Elizabeth Hopper: 3 males under ]0  
] male ]6-]8  
3 males ]8-26  
1 female under ]0  
1 female 26-45  
4 engaged in agri-  
culture.  
] m.slave under ]4  
] f. " 26-45  
] f. " 45 & up

Terril Hopper: ] male under ]0  
] male ]6-26  
] male 26-45  
2 females under ]0  
] female ]6-26  
] female 26-45  
] engaged in agri.  
] engaged in manu-  
facturing.

Joshua Hopper: 2 males under ]0  
2 males ]0-]6  
] male 45 & up  
2 females ]6-26  
] female 45 & up  
4 engaged in agri-  
culture

William Hopper: ] male ]0-]6  
] male 45 & up  
] female 45 & up  
2 engaged in agri-  
culture.

]850 County Census:

Dwelling 223 Family 223	JOHN HOPPER 49, Farmer Jane Hopper 48 James Hopper 23, tobacconist Martha Hopper 20 Caroline Hopper ]7 in school John Hopper ]] in school John Lemons ]8, farmer
Dwelling 226, Family 226	JAMES HOPPER 50, Farmer Elizabeth Hopper 55 Thomas Comer 24, farmer Sarah Comer 25 John Hopper ]9, Farmer Polly A. Hopper ]6 James Comer 4 John Comer ]
Dwelling 275, Family 275	HEZEKIAH HOPPER 46, Farmer Nelly Hopper 50 Phillip Hopper ]7 in school
Dwelling 560, Family 560	JAMES M. HOPPER 22, Farmer (Born NC) Judith Hopper 22 Edward Burgess ]7, farmer Mildred Hopper 2 Mary E. Hopper 9 mo.
Dwelling 562, Family 562	ELIZABETH HOPPER 70 Betsey Grogan 27 Barsella Grogan ]], female Toley Grogan 7 male Margarett Grogan 3
Dwelling 8]6, Family 8]6	WILLIAM HOPPER 28, Farmer Elizabeth Hopper ]8, born N.C.

1860 Henry County Census:

Dwelling 8, Family 8	JOHN HOPPER 59, Farmer Jane Hopper 58 (Born N.C.) Caroline Hopper 22 John Hopper Jr. 2], farmer Eliza Hopper 18 George Meeks 24, laborer
Dwelling 1210, Fam. 1243	JAMES HOPPER 36, Laborer (Born N.C.) Judith Hopper 30 (Born N.C.) Mildred Hopper 11 Mary Hopper 10 Hendrick Hopper 7 male Charles Hopper 1 (born N.C.)
Dwelling 1213 Fam. 1246	JOHN HOPPER 30, Farmer Martha Hopper 21 Jackson Hopper 4 Mary Hopper 3 Ann Hopper 1
Dwelling 1221 Fam. 1254	JAMES HOPPER 60, Farmer Betsy Hopper 65 Elizabeth Hopper 17 teacher Tyler Meeks 21, laborer
Dwelling 1222 Fam. 1255	WILLIAM HOPPER 38, Overseer Elizabeth Hopper 35 (Born N.C.) Lucy Hopper 9 William Hopper 7 John Hopper 5 Bettie Hopper 3 Jesse Hopper 1 Joseph Hopper 4 mo.

]880 Henry County Census:

]32 Ridgeway District

DW ]40, Family ]40

FAYETTE HOPPER 24, Farmer  
Fannie Hopper 26 wife  
John A. Hopper 5, son  
James A. Hopper 2 mo., son

DW ]64, Fam. ]64

JAMES HOPPER 80, Farmer  
Mary E. Hopper 48, wife  
James S. Hopper ]3, son

]33 Irisburg District

DW ]4], Family ]43

SAMUEL HOPPER 60, Blacksmith  
Louisa N. Hopper ]9, wife  
James Lamkin ]9, stepson, laborer  
George W. Lamkin ]0, stepson, lab.

DW ]43, Family ]45

JOHN HOPPER 79, Farmer  
Elizabeth Hopper 46, wife  
Walter Lemmons 2], Boarder  
Mary Lemmons ]9, Boarder



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## HOPPER

Henry County, Virginia, Deed Book 8, page 309: 5 Oct.]8]8  
George Hairston to John Layne, Rockingham Co., N.C. for \$40  
2 acres, an island in Smith River by survey of ]0 Mar ]793  
called the Breaker reed ... opposite land that did belong  
to Joseph Gooding at time of survey and now owned by William  
Pulliam, beginning at a sycamore at lower end of said island  
... Witnesses: Tarlton King, N. P. Hairston, Nathaniel H.  
Claibourn. Ordered recorded ]7 Jan. ]8]9.

Deed Book ]0, page 2 ]] Aug.]823  
John Layne to James Hopper for \$50, Breaky Reed Island ...  
ordered recorded ]] Aug. ]823.

## Marriage Bond Register

25 Jul ]837 William Fretwell and Mary J. Norman who writes  
her own consent. Security: James Marshall who also witnesses  
consent. Arthur W. Eanes, minister.

Register of Marriages I, p. 2 7 Nov. ]854 John T. Hopper,  
23, son of James & Elizabeth Hopper, and Martha A. Fretwell,  
]5, daughter of William & Mary Fretwell, Tobac conist. A. W.  
Eanes, minister.

KENTUCKY HOPPERS

HENRY COUNTY, KENTUCKY, MARRIAGE BONDS -]798-]85] p. 27

JOHN HOPPER of Owen County and MARGARET SPALDING ]9 Apr.]843,  
William Spalding, witness.

BOURBON COUNTY, KY. MARRIAGES - ]785-]85] p. 24

ROLLEY (Raleigh?) HOPPER 3 Oct. ]794, Paris, Ky.to  
Lucy Thompson.

JOHN HOPPER to LUCY ANN CAMPBELL, Father JOHN, 27 May ]83].

ELIJAH HOPPER to SUSANNAH LATHRUM, bro. JOHN ]8 Mar. ]805.

MADISON CNTY, KENTUCKY ]788-]85] (MARRIAGES) p. 56.

DAVID HOPPER to ANNA MILLER, Father JOHN, Bondsman Wm.Wilson.

JOSEPH HOPPER to ANNE GREEN, ]9 JAN, ]8]0, bondsman Martin  
Green.

JAMES HOPPER to AMY RUNNELS, 6 Nov. ]8]], B. JOHN

THOMAS HOPPER to LUCY LANCASTER, ]6 June ]82], b.JOSHUA

SAMUEL HOPPER to POLLY NOLAND, ]4 Oct. ]820 bdsm.LITTLETON

JOHN HOPPER to MARGARET BAKER (This family moved to Ark.EBL)  
28 Aug. ]822, b. JOEL HOPPER.

JOSEPH HOPPER TO POLLY TINCHER. (Tanner?) 7 Jun ]8]5.b.WM

MOSES HOPPER to ELIZABETH COLLIER, 7 Feb. ]788,B. DAVID MASSIE

WILLIAM HOPPER, to ELIZABETH WHITE ]3 FEB. ]787, b.WMS.

WILLIAM HOPPER to ELIZABETH PORTWOOD , father SILAS, ]4 Jan.  
]849, b. MILTON.

JAMES HOPPER to LUCY ESTIN, ]6 Oct. ]8]6, b. JAMES

THOMAS HOPPER to PHOEBE MOORES, father CHARLES,]6 Dec. ]848,  
b. BARTLETTE WILKINSON.

HARDIN HOPPER to POLLY THOMAS, mother ELIZABETH, ]5 Nov.]830,  
b. LEVI BERRY.

JOHN HOPPER to PATSY ETTINGTON, 24 May ]826,b.HIRAM KELLEY.

KENTUCKY HOPPERS Continued

MARRIAGES OF MASON COUNTY, KENTUCKY ]788-]85]:

HENRY ADAIR to ELIZABETH ANN HOPPER 29 Aug. ]838, b. ELIJAH, p.]

JOHN HOPPER to ANNE STRODE (or STRAUD), father SIMON  
] Sept. ]823, by.\_\_\_\_\_, page 79

JOSEPH HOPPER to LYDIA SUMMERS ]] Mar. ]8]6, b. WILLIAM, p.79

MARRIAGES IN LAUREL COUNTY KENTUCKY ]825-]85] p.]]

WILLIAM F. HOPPER to MATILDA WILKERSON, father McCAJAH,  
]2 Jan. ]852.

LINCOLN COUNTY, KENTUCKY ]780-]85] page 34.

JOSEPH HOPPER TO MARGARET CROW, 3 Mar. ]8]7, b. BENJAMIN CROW.

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HOPPER GRAVEYARD BETWEEN SHAKERTOWN & LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, p.5]9

Lists counties of pioneer Hoppers who are buried from these  
counties as the following:

Wentworth County, County Seat of Rockingham Co., N.C.  
Ashboro County, County Seat of Randolph County, N.C.  
Greensboro County, Co. Seat of Guilford County, N.C.  
Salisbury County, County Seat of Rowan County, N.C.  
Oxford County, County Seat of Granville County, N.C.  
Rockingham County, Co. Seat of R ockingham Co., N.C.

]9]5 YEAR BOOK OF KENTUCKY SOCIETY, SONS OF THE REVOLUTION

JOHN HOPPER page 224.  
SAMUEL HOPPER page 226.

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Early Marriages of Knox County, Kentucky lists,  
SALLY HOPPER to SAMUEL VANNAY married 9 Jun, ]8]] by J.  
SULLIVAN, page 249.  
BLAGGROVE HOPPER, Minister, married a number of people in  
Knox County, Ky. in ]8]2-]8]6. page 250.

TENNESSEE HOPPERS

GILES COUNTY, TENNESSEE, by James McCallum, 1876.p.46.

In 1818, SAMUEL and JOHN HOPPER, settled in the neighborhood of Shore's Mill on Shoal Creek. (NOTE: This JOHN HOPPER may have been DAVID (DICIE) HOPPER'S father. (EBL)

CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEEFEDERAL CENSUS OF PENSIONERS 1840

HARMON HOPPER age 78 born 1762 residing in home of JOHN HOPPER.

]790 North Carolina Census:

Rockingham Co. p. ]67 THOMAS HOPPER ] white male ]6 & up  
2 white males under ]6  
2 white females

p. ]68 JOSEPH HOPPER 3 white males ]6 & up  
] white male under ]6  
7 white females

]8]0 Census Rockingham Co., N.C. (Volume 3a)

p.8(]86)JOSHUA HOPPER Sr. ] male ]6-26  
] male 45 & up  
] female 45 & up  
2 slaves

p.8(]86)THOMAS HOPPER 3 males under ]0  
] male ]0-]6  
] male ]6-26  
] male 45 & up  
] female ]6-26

p.8(]86)JOSEPH HOPPER Jr. ] male under ]0  
] male ]6-26  
] female ]6-26

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] male 45 & up  
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] male 26-45  
] female 26-45

p.9(]87)JEREMIAH HOPPER ] male under ]0  
] male ]6-26  
] male 26-45  
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] female 45 & up

p.9(]88) JOHN HOPPER ] male ]6-26  
] female under ]0  
] female ]6-26  
'female 45 & up

]850 Rockingham County, N.C. Census:

Western District:

295-]95     RICHARD G. HOPPER 32,blacksmith  
             Jenetta Hopper     27 female  
             Levinia Hopper    9  
             Frances C. Hopper    7  
             Lucy J. Hopper 3

300-300     MARTIN HOPPER 46, Farmer  
             Unity Hopper 47  
             Lucinda Hopper ]9  
             Lutitia Hopper ]7  
             Robert Hopper ]6  
             Wilson Hopper ]4, male  
             Sarah A. Hopper ]3  
             Martha Hopper ]]  
             Elizabeth Hopper 9  
             Nancy Hopper 7  
             Francis V. Hopper 4,female

375-375     JEREMIAH HOPPER, 67, Blacksmith h  
             Nancy Hopper 67  
             P. D. Hopper 36, Tobacconist

420-420     TERRELL HOPPER 59, Blacksmith  
             Rhody Hopper 58

429-429     ALLEN HOPPER 36, Farmer  
             Eliza Hopper 26,(Born Va.)  
             Robert Osburn 8

430-430     GREEN HOPPER 39, Farmer  
             Sally Hopper 38  
             John Hopper ]2  
             James Hopper ]0  
             Jerry Hopper 6  
             Nancy Hopper 3  
             Allen Hopper ]

459-459     THOMAS HOPPER 56 Laborer  
             Mary Hopper 55  
             Mary M. Hopper 22  
             Martha Hopper 20  
             Mariah Hopper ]8  
             George Hopper ]6, Laborer

478-4 8     WILLIAM HOPPER 50, Shoemaker

855855     SAMUEL HOPPER 29, Blacksmith (Born Va.)  
             Julia Hopper 27  
             Julia Denton 9     Lydia Hopper ]  
             Adolphus Hopper 4

There is a Guilford Co. marriage bond, dated 1772, for Joseph Haskett to marry Rebecca Hopper. This is, of course, the Rebeckah named in the 1766 Gabriel Freeman deed of gift. President Herbert Hoover was a great, great grandson of Isaac Haskett, brother to Joseph. Thus Rebecca was an AUNT (by marriage, a great, great, grand Aunt, actually) to President Hoover. Joseph Haskett was a Quaker, was born 15 of 8 mo. 1749. So Rebecca, to have married 1772, had to have been born in the 1750's.

Thomas Hopper, on 1761 Tax List of Rowan, listed with son Thomas -this son would have to have been aged 16 in 1761 so was born by 1745 at least. To have been listed in 1768, your Charles would have had to have been aged at least 16, so was born by 1752 at least. And since THOMAS (SR.) was THE ONE AND ONLY HOPPER in the Randolph County area in that period, it is LOGICAL to assume that Elizabeth was his wife, and that Thomas (possibly Elizabeth was not his one and only wife) was father of Thomas, Charles, Joseph, George, Archibald, Rebecca and Nancy, and probably others. Say Thomas Sr. was married 1745 - between 1745 & 1765 he could have had, say, 10 children.

The Thomas Hopper in Orange Co., N.C. 1768 (THE HOPPER FAMILY, p. 150) is no doubt the one who lived in that part of Orange County which became Caswell Co. in 1777.

Caswell Co., N.C.-1777 Tax List: John Hopper  
James Hopper-amt.: 105 pounds,  
2 shillings  
Thomas Hopper, Sr.  
Thomas Hopper, Jr.

Caswell Co. Will Book A, p. 30 -Will of THOMAS HOPPER-dated 12 October, 1777 - probated Dec. 1777. Wife Ann. Grandson Benjamin Mackintosh. To wife Ann for life, & then to be equally divided among "my lawful begotten sons and daughters." Signed by name. Son Wm. Hopper. Wits. Robert Middleton, Ben-drick Middleton, Thos. Hopper, Henry Hopper.

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1780 Tax List: Gloucester District-Wm. Hopper-704 Pounds,  
4 Shillings(etc.)

-James Hopper-769 P. 18 Sh. 4 p.

1781 Tax List -Glouc. Dist. -Wm. Hopper

1782 Tax List -Glouc. Dist. -James Hopper - 350 acres -etc.

John Hopper -200 acres - etc.

1783 Tax List - Glouc. Dist. -Wm. Hopper -150 acres - etc.

-James Hopper

-John Hopper

1784 Tax List -Glouc. Dist. -James Hopper-247 acres, 1 wh. no blks.

-John Hopper-200 acres, 1 wh. poll

Thomas Hopper Sr. & Jr. of Caswell Co. apparently left there between 1777 & 1780. I'm not sure where they went. They are not the ones in Randolph Co., 1759-1761-1768, etc.



On a recent trip to Virginia I located the will of a JAMES HOPPER ]765 in Goochland Co., Va. (This will OMITTED from Torrences' VA. WILLS & ADMS., ]632-]800.) Goochland Will and Deed Book 8, p. 464 -dated 9 Feb. ]756 - probated ]9 March ]765. Will of JAMES HOPPER of Goochland County.

CHILDREN: son THOMAS - 50 acres whereon he now lives  
son LUTHER - "my plantation and fifty akers of land" after his mother's decease  
son JOHN - ] Shilling  
son JAMES - ] Shilling  
daughter Comfort Spurlock ] Shilling

Rest of estate to youngest son Luther after his mother's decease. Signed by name.

Witnesses: Francis his X mark Thustos  
Ester her X mark Thustos or Thuston  
Elizabeth her X mark Thustos or Thuston

Only ONE Thomas Hopper deed in Goochland Co., Deed Book ]0, p. 53 -dated 28 March ]770 - Thomas Hopper & wife Elizabeth of St. James Northam Parish, Gooch Co. - to Thomas Hodges of same - consideration: ]0 Pounds - 50 acres on branches of Lickinghole Creek, adj. John Profit & Robert Cardin, Benjamin Salmons, James Gresham, Luther Hopper. He signed by mark. Witnesses: Robert Birkmyre, Shad Vaughan, Matt Payne. Proven 2] May ]770.

Here, above, we have a Thomas Hopper with wife ELIZABETH, and for one happy moment I was sure I had found YOUR Thomas[ However, from the tax lists of Goochland Co., Va. it seems that this Thomas was in Goochland at the time your Thomas was in North Carolina.:

Goochland Co., Va. -Tax Lists in Va. State Library, Richmond.:

]755 - James Hopper Jr., Thos. Hopper, Luther Hopper.  
]756 - John Hopper, Luther Hopper, Thomas Hopper  
]757 - Thomas Hopper, Luther Hopper, John Hopper  
]759 - John Hopper, Luther Hopper  
]760 - John Hopper, Thomas Hopper, Luther Hopper  
]76] - Thomas Hopper, Luther Hopper, Thomas Hopper, John Hopper  
]769 - Thomas Hopper, Luther Hopper, John Hopper, David Hopper  
]770 - John, Luther Hopper  
]77] - John, Thomas Hopper  
]773 - John Hopper  
]775 - John Hopper

John Hopper, probably son of James of the ]756-65 will, left a will ]790-9] in Goochland, Co., Va.:

Will Book ]5, p. 537 - dated 3 Dec. ]790 -probated Jun ]79].

Will of JOHN HOPPER - wife Milley

Children: Agatha Hopper  
Patterson Hopper  
Anderson Hopper  
Milly Hopper  
Piety Hopper  
Mary Tallaferro (probably an older dau. WPJ)

Executors: wife Milley & sons Patterson & Anderson.  
Signed by mark  
Witnesses: David Mullins, Charles Kerr, Elizabeth Kerr.

Goochland Co., Va. was formed 1727-28 from Henrico Co.  
Most early records of Henrico Co. have been lost, so not  
much help there. James first appears on record in Gooch-  
land in 1733 when he buys land (Deed Book 2, pages 17-18.)  
Thomas & Elizabeth Hopper DO disappear from Goochland Co.  
soon after 1770, but I'm not sure just where they settled.  
The Thomas who left a will 1777 in Caswell Co., N.C., had  
a son James, but his wife was Ann rather than Elizabeth.

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